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**CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT** 

### Lamont asks to extend emergencies

Governor wants public health, civil preparedness declarations to continue as pandemic persists

**By Christopher Keating** Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — In a late letter issued Friday evening, Gov. Ned Lamont asked the legislature to extend Connecticut's public health and civil preparedness emergencies as the coronavirus pandemic heads toward its third year.

In addition, Lamont is asking the legislature to codify into law 11 executive orders, such as a mask mandate for children in school and COVID-19 safety measures for nursing home visitors. But he is not asking for an extension of the current mandate that requires state employees in the executive branch to be vaccinated or to

submit to weekly testing. While Lamont had been talking for days about shifting some authority to the legislature, his formal request — distributed to all legislators — did not come until shortly after 6 p.m. Friday.

"I say to the legislature: what say you?" Lamont said in a news conference this week.

Lamont's emergency powers as governor are scheduled to end on Feb. 15, which would be almost two full years since the pandemic began spreading in the state in March 2020.

While the Democratic-controlled legislature has extended Lamont's powers six times, Republicans and some Democrats have pushed back by saying that the legislature should be restored to a co-equal branch of government after nearly two years.

House Republican leader Vincent Candelora of North Branford said Friday night that he was confused that Lamont wants to

extend the emergencies and also codify most of the remaining executive orders into law.

We shouldn't be doing both, and his letter is asking for both, which doesn't make any sense," Candelora said in an interview. "The governor, on the one hand, is asking for the status quo to keep things the way things he's had it with the emergency powers. Yet, at the same time, he wants us to

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New Amtrak President and CEO Stephen Gardner speaks Friday about the future of transportation at Union Station in New Haven. Cutting ride times and adding trains to the fleet are part of the Northeast Corridor Commission's Connect NEC 2035 plan. SEAMUS MCAVOY/HARTFORD COURANT

### AN EXCITING TIME FOR RAIL'

Slashing Amtrak ride times among goals amid surge of federal funds

By Seamus McAvoy | Hartford Courant

hile the dreamed-of one-hour ride time from New Haven to New York City remains far away, Connecticut lawmakers and Amtrak leaders said Friday they intend to maximize historic levels of federal funding to improve the region's rail infrastructure.

The injection of rail funds made possible by the Biden administration's \$1 trillion infrastructure law runs parallel to the projects already underway in the state, leaders say, which aim to cut ride times while increasing safety, reliability and comfort.

"This is an important relationship," said Sen. Chris Murphy, at a news conference Friday inside Union Station in New Haven with newly appointed Amtrak president and CEO Stephen

"This meeting today, I think, cements the partnership between the state of Connecticut and Amtrak to make the most beneficial, most creative usage of the Amtrak dollars, and the state/local partnership dollars," Murphy said, flanked by Gardner and state leaders.

#### How much is Amtrak getting?

Gardner, who stepped into the job on Jan. 17, on Friday called himself "absolutely the luckiest CEO in Amtrak history," and it's easy to see why.

Gardner will oversee the largest one-shot investment into the rail system since its creation in 1971: \$22 billion in direct funding, which far exceeds the \$8 billion it received in 2009. Tens of billions of dollars will also be available to Amtrak and other groups in the form of competitive grants.

The Northeast Corridor, which refers to the larger rail network primarily owned by Amtrak, will receive \$30 billion; Amtrak

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### Russia, US to keep talking

Answer to Kremlin's demand on troops is expected next week

**By Michael Crowley** and Anton Troianovski The New York Times

GENEVA — The United States and Russia agreed Friday to keep diplomacy alive in their standoff over Ukraine, even as both sides continued to raise the military stakes on the ground.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken told his Russian counterpart, Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, in Geneva that the United States would provide written responses next week to Russia's demands that the West scale back its military presence in Eastern Europe.

Both sides said that the diplomats planned to speak again after that, and they left the door open to another conversation between President Joe Biden and President Vladimir Putin.

Blinken said he also wanted to use the opportunity to share directly with Lavrov some "concrete ideas to address some of the concerns that you have raised, as well as the deep concerns that many of us have about Russia's actions."

Blinken said Lavrov repeated Russia's insistence that it has no plans to invade Ukraine, but the U.S. and its allies were not

convinced. "We're looking at what is visible to all, and it is deeds and actions and not words that make all the difference," he said, adding that Russia should remove its troops from the Ukrainian border if it wanted

to prove its point. But tensions continued to rise. Russia has been ferrying more troops, armor and advanced anti-aircraft systems toward Belarus, a Russian ally and Ukraine's northern neighbor, putting a growing force within range of the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, for what Russia insisted were exercises.

And the United States

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### Delta Sigma Theta leader made 'great impact'

Hartford native Hickmon dies months after being elected national president of 'Divine Nine' sorority

By Kellie Love Hartford Courant

Hartford native Cheryl A. Hickmon, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. national president and chair of its national board of directors, died on Thursday after battling a recent illness, according to a statement from the sorority.

"President Hickmon was a devoted member of Delta Sigma Theta since 1982 and served in various capacities at the chapter, region, and national level before being elected National President. She is remembered not only for her role as a leader but for being a colleague, friend, and most of all, sister," the sorority said in a state-

ment. "The entire sisterhood of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated mourns the loss of President Hickmon. During this difficult time, we ask that you respect her family's privacy and keep them in your prayers."

Hickmon was elected to lead the Deltas, one of nine Black sororities and fraternities known as the

"Divine Nine," during their last national convention in November 2021 in Atlanta. The 1984 graduate of South Carolina State University was a member of the Hartford Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and was initiated through the Alpha Xi Chapter at South Carolina State University.

For 39 years, Hickmon was an active member of Delta Sigma Theta and held numerous elected and appointed leadership positions at the national, regional and local levels.

"Throughout her membership with the organization, she served in many capacities. From vice president to Atlantic regional representative, her dedication and commitment to seeing the legacy organization thrive were unmatched," the NAACP said in a statement.

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#### Parole board shortens sentences of 11 men

Acknowledging an increased understanding in the science of brain development, the Board of Pardons and Paroles has commuted the sentences of 11 men who committed crimes when they were 25 or younger. Connecticut, Page 1

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#### Amtrak

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will pocket \$6 billion directly, with the other \$24 billion going into a state and federal partnership account, Murphy said.

The infrastructure bill also makes borrowing terms more favorable for Amtrak through its primary low-interest loan program, called Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing (RRIF), Murphy said.

Proponents of high-speed rail say Amtrak has been underfunded for years. The rail service was a repeated target of the Trump administration, which threatened to slash its already meager funding sources by as much as 50% ahead of the 2021 fiscal year.

On Friday, Gardner praised Connecticut's leaders and expanded on his vision for rail in the state.

Through the Northeast Corridor Commission's Connect NEC 2035 plan, Gardner said Amtrak plans to slash ride times by 30 minutes and grow the number of trains in the service's fleet by 33%.

'Connecticut, right now, has the best team for rail I can imagine," Gardner said.

Gardner's ties to the state extend to a 20-year relationship with Joseph Giulietti, Connecticut's transportation commissioner. Giulietti served as president of Metro-North Railroad from 2014 to 2017 before joining the administration of Gov. Ned Lamont.

"There's no question this

is an exciting time for rail in Connecticut, and in the country," Giulietti said, highlighting the state's ambitious Time for CT plan.

The project aims to slash ride times by 10 minutes before the end of 2022, and 25 minutes by 2035, by upgrading the state's aging tracks and signal system.

Leaders see myriad economic benefits, in addition to environmental ones, in upgrading the state-owned New Haven line, which makes for a crucial economic

artery for the state's shoreline communities.

Murphy suggested that the difference in economic development between cities like Stamford and Bridgeport has much to do with the difference in travel time to New York City.

It currently takes about 52 minutes to get from Stamford to New York; leaders hope the commute from Bridgeport to New York shrinks to about 67 minutes by 2035. Lamont added that he's working to get a stop

in the city's Pennsylvania Station, in addition to Grand Central, in "the near future."

Other projects include replacing the century-old Connecticut River Bridge, which currently services freight carriers and nearly 40 Amtrak-owned trains.

"These opportunities don't come around often ... and this is an opportunity to make a difference," Lamont said.

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#### Russia

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has authorized Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania to send Stinger anti-aircraft missiles to Ukrainian forces, augmenting the Javelin antitank missile deliveries to Ukraine that Britain began this month.

The State Department also confirmed this week that the Biden administration approved an additional \$200 million in defensive military aid to Ukraine, on top of \$450 million in the

past fiscal year. "The president will head this weekend to Camp David with his national security team to discuss the situation - some will be virtual; some will be there in person,' White House press secretary Jen Psaki said. "We will also continue to consult with our allies and partners, and we will respond next week in writing.

Still, after weeks of heated



A Ukrainian soldier maintains a position Friday in a trench on the line of separation across from pro-Russia militia fighters in the Donetsk region of Ukraine. ANDRIY DUBCHAK/AP

rhetoric, there were signs that both sides were trying to keep tensions in check and give diplomacy time to play out. Their agreement Friday to keep negotiating draws out a run of talks that started

Dec. 30 with a phone call between Putin and Biden, and continued with a series of three meetings last week that provided no breakthroughs but prevented Russia from portraying the

use of force as its only option. It is unclear who might benefit more from a delay, if Russia remains poised to invade Ukraine - a decision U.S. officials believe Putin has not yet made, despite massing more than 100,000 troops near the Ukrainian border. Biden said this week that he thought Putin would attempt to "test the West" by launching an invasion, a prediction that went well beyond the formal intelligence assessments described by White House officials.

The U.S. might welcome more time to rally and coordinate allies and plan contingency options. But the Russians may value the appearance of an extended, good-faith diplomatic effort before any potential invasion and may welcome time

to mobilize more troops. The 90-minute meeting Friday came at the end of a whirlwind trip to Europe for Blinken, who stopped in Kyiv and Berlin this week. Lavrov described the talks as "a useful, honest discussion." while Blinken called them "direct, businesslike"

and "not polemical." Russia's demands include a legally binding halt to NATO's eastward expansion

and a withdrawal of NATO troops from countries like Poland and Baltic nations that used to be aligned with or part of the Soviet Union.

The United States has dismissed those demands as nonstarters, even as U.S. officials offered talks on other matters, such as military exercises and the placement of missiles.

"We didn't expect any breakthroughs to happen today," Blinken said. "But I believe we are now on a clearer path in terms of understanding each other's concerns."

Lavrov, addressing the media separately after the meeting, said Russia would wait for the United States' written response before deciding on next steps. Putin has warned that Russia would take unspecified "military-technical" actions to ensure its security if the West did not agree to its demands.

Associated Press contributed.

#### **Hickmon**

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"Among her accolades, she received the 100 Most Influential African American in the State of Connecticut by the Connecticut Chapters of the NAACP and the Citizen of the Year Award from Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. (Tau Iota

Chapter).

nor Ned Lamont remembered Hickmon as a "valued member of our big Connecticut family" in a statement on

Twitter. "As the National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and President of the Hartford Alumnae Chapter, her work to enlighten, educate, and elevate young Black women made a great impact on many lives," he

Connecticut Lt. Gov.

Susan Bysiewicz also offered her condolences to the

family, friends and sorors of Hickmon. "I had the pleasure of meeting President Hickmon when she spoke at Hartford Alumnae's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Breakfast. Her passionate remarks were both inspiring and uplifting and her service to the Connecticut community will not be forgotten,"

she said in a statement on

Twitter. Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin also shared his thoughts on Hickmon's

passing. "What a heartbreaking loss. Our prayers are with Cheryl Hickmon's family and with all of the Deltas she led and loved here in Hart-

ford and around the country and the world."

Professionally, Hickmon

supervised the In Vitro

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for Andrology and Endocrinology at Montefiore's Institute for Reproductive Medicine and Health in Hartsdale, New York, a division of the Montefiore Medical Center and a teaching hospital of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She was a licensed clinical laboratory tech-

nologist and worked in the

reproductive medical labo-

ratory for more than 30

Hickmon is the daughter of the late Dr. Ned Hickmon and the late Consuella Anderson Hickmon of

Hartford. She has two older

brothers, Ned and David

Hickmon, both of Hartford.

According to her bio on the Delta Sigma Theta website, Hickmon lived her life by the motto, "Don't measure life by the number of breaths you take but by the number of moments that take your breath away."

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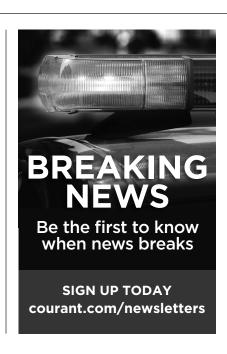
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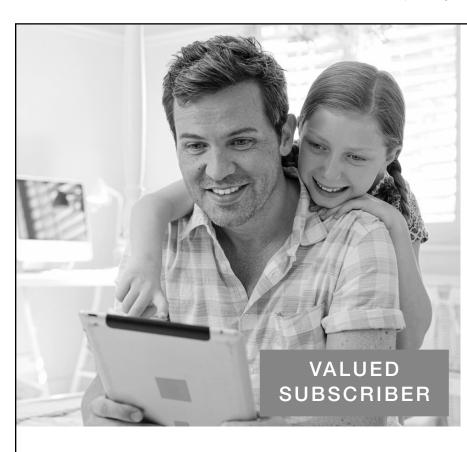
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### Lamont: Property tax relief a priority

Governor seeking to ease burden on the middle class

**By Stephen Singer** Hartford Courant

Gov. Ned Lamont on Friday told Connecticut's largest business group he'll make property tax relief a priority this year and will leave to the General Assembly any action on business tax relief.

"I'm going to present to the legislature a plan for significant property tax reform that particularly hits, I think, the middle class, to provide relief there," he said at the annual economic outlook meeting of the Connecticut Business &

Industry Association.

The Democratic governor, who has announced he'll seek a second term this year, said he also hopes to eliminate taxes on pensions.

Pressed on business tax relief. Lamont advised CBIA President Chris DiPentima to work with the administration and "our friends in the legislature to see what the priorities are."

If tax cuts were tied to job creation and economic growth, that would make "it all the more compelling and a much easier case for me to make," the governor said.

DiPentima said business tax relief would cost the state about \$200 million, but no tax cut or credit alone would be significant. For example, a credit for manufacturing apprenticeships would cost the state a relatively small \$1.4 million, but would send a "huge message" to manufacturers.

Lamont said he and the General Assembly should "take a good, hard look at the property tax" on homes and cars.

"It's a tax that's fixed. You've got to pay it during bad times and good times," he said.

"It's unforgiving in that sense. It hits the middle class particularly hard," Lamont said. "That will be one of my strong initiatives... to do what we can to reduce the property tax and expand the base of who gets access to property tax reduction and also focus on the cars."

Lamont also would not

agree to business requests for additional federal pandemic aid to help reduce debt in the unemployment insurance fund. The state has used relief from Washington to pay back about \$150 million of \$700 million borrowed from the federal government when jobs vanished during the pandemic and unemployment claims soared.

"The rest of it as of right now would fall on the shoulders of the business community come around November when the assessments come," DiPentima

Lamont said he is a "little hesitant" and that he has to decide if it's more important to use federal money to buy additional testing resources.

Interest rates are low, making borrowing cheaper and unemployment claims have plummeted as the economy strengthens and businesses hire workers, he said. The state has paid down an additional \$250 million, the governor said.

DiPentima said in an interview following the meeting he was not surprised by Lamont's priorities. With about three weeks until the General Assembly's Feb. 9 start, the governor and the House and Senate Democratic and Republican caucuses are setting their priorities, he said.

Lamont, who wore black to mark the death Thursday of rocker and one-time Connecticut resident Meat Loaf, used his appearance

at last year's annual CBIA meeting to rule out broadbased tax increases that helped set the tone for the legislative session.

With a state budget surplus and an election in 2022, Lamont and state legislators are now debat-

ing proposed tax cuts. Senate Republicans have called for temporarily cutting the state's sales tax and eliminating an additional 1% tax on meals at restaurants and supermarkets starting on Feb. 15. The total tax cut by Republicans would be \$315 million for the remainder of the 2022 calendar year.

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vote on 11 executive orders. I don't support pretending that we're going to do our job by voting on orders that the governor ultimately has final say on, anyway. I don't understand it."

The next regular session of the General Assembly begins on Feb. 9. No final decisions have been announced, but Senate President Pro Tem Martin B. Looney said previously that it was possible that the legislature could take action on opening day — less than a week before the governor's powers expire.

In a six-page letter to General Assembly leaders, Lamont said the state has still not gotten full control over the deadly virus.

"There are compelling reasons to continue the emergency declarations because, as the past few weeks have shown, we are still in a state of emergency," Lamont wrote. "The nature of this virus is such that conditions change rapidly, with the resulting need to have the tools in place to respond quickly to an ongoing public health threat."

The emergency declarations are important, he said, because the state would receive more than \$50 million in federal funds.

If the state remains in a state of emergency, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, known as FEMA, "will continue to cover 100 percent of the non-congregate housing costs, which is estimated by March 2022 to be \$20 million," Lamont said.

In addition, the state would receive \$32.6 million for families for food stamps for January 2022 alone. For eligible households, the average additional supplement would be nearly \$155 per month.

Candelora, however, said he believes the state could still receive the federal money without extending the emergencies. The Lamont administration, however, rejected that argument in the past.

Senate Republican leader Kevin Kelly of Stratford said the legislature should hold public hearings in the coming weeks before voting on the 11 executive orders.

"We need to get the people involved," Kelly said in a telephone interview. "The policies would be better. When the legislature wants to move, they can move."

Kelly and all other Republicans have voted against the extensions in the past.

"Instead of declaring the emergency himself, he's saying to the legislature: why don't you declare it?" Kelly said. "This is the seventh request for an extension, and I think the people are tired. They want their government back. They want their voice back. The governor sees that and feels that. We've had 22 months to get this right. It's not the emergency it initially was."

While the vaccination and testing mandate would not be extended for low-risk state employees like accountants in offices, Lamont's executive order for state hospital employees would

Another executive order that was announced this

week requires that visitors to nursing homes must show either proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 or a recent negative test.

'To wait until a Friday evening to let these impactful intentions be known speaks for itself," said Republican Sen John Kissel, who has served in the legislature for nearly 30 years. "As the voice of the people of north-central Connecticut, I continue to note that the Connecticut legislature has been relegated to sit at the 'Baby Table' for far too long. While the governor's Friday evening notes are welcome, my answer to his request is still a strong 'no.' "

Despite seeking continuation of the emergencies, Lamont expressed optimism about the state's health pros-

"I am cautiously optimis-

tic that we have seen the peak of omicron COVID-19 infections," he wrote. "There has been a steady decline over the past week in the number of patients hospitalized due to COVID-19, and the decline follows trends that public health experts have seen with the omicron variant in South Africa and Great Britain. But, while hospitalizations are trending downward, they remain very high and rising nursing home cases continue to pose a challenge. There remains a need to maintain the limited number of executive orders that we have successfully used to respond to both the delta and omicron variants of COVID-19."

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**MEAT LOAF** 1947-2022

### 'Bat Out of Hell' singer and actor was a beloved superstar

By Hillel Italie Associated Press

NEW YORK - Meat Loaf, the heavyweight rock superstar loved by millions for his "Bat Out of Hell" debut album and for such theatrical, dark-hearted anthems as "Paradise By the Dashboard Light," "Two Out of Three Ain't Bad," and "I'd Do Anything for Love (But I Won't Do That)," died Thursday. He was 74.

No cause of death or other details were given, but the singer, born Marvin Lee Aday, had numerous health scares over the years. A family statement provided by his longtime agent Michael Greene confirmed his death.

"Our hearts are broken," the statement said. "We know how much he meant to so many of you and we truly appreciate all of the love and support as we move through this time of grief in losing such an inspiring artist and beautiful man."

"Bat Out of Hell," his mega-selling collaboration with songwriter Jim Steinman and producer Todd Rundgren, came out in 1977 and made him one of the most recognizable performers in rock 'n' roll.

Fans fell hard for the roaring vocals of the longhaired, 250-plus pound singer and for the comic non-romance of the title track, "You Took The Words Right Out of My Mouth," "Two Out of Three Ain't Bad" and "Paradise By the Dashboard Light," an operatic cautionary tale about going all the way.

After a slow start and mixed reviews, "Bat Out of Hell" became one of the top-selling albums in history, with worldwide sales of more than 40 million copies. Meat Loaf wasn't a consistent hit maker, especially after falling out for years with Steinman. But he maintained close ties with his fans through his manic live shows, social media and his many television, radio and



Meat Loaf was one of the most recognizable performers in rock. He died Thursday. JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY 2003

film appearances, including "Fight Club" and cameos on "Glee" and "South Park."

Meat Loaf's biggest musical success after "Bat Out of Hell" was "Bat Out of Hell II: Back into Hell," a 1993 reunion with Steinman that sold more than 15 million copies and featured the Grammy-winning single "I'd Do Anything for Love (But I Won't Do That)."

Meat Loaf's other albums included "Bat Out of Hell III: The Monster is Loose." "Hell in a Handbasket" and "Braver Than We Are."

His songs included "Dead Ringer for Love" with Cher. She shared on Twitter that she "had so much fun" on the duet. "Am very sorry for his family, friends and fans."

A native of Dallas, Aday was born Sept. 27, 1947. He was the son of a school teacher who raised him on her own after divorcing his alcoholic father, a police officer. He was still a teenager when his mother died and when he acquired the nickname Meat Loaf, the alleged origins of which range from his weight to a favorite recipe of his mother's.

Aday, who sang and acted in high school, attended Lubbock Christian College and what is now the University of North Texas.

He left for Los Angeles after college and was soon fronting the band Meat Loaf Soul. For years, he alternated between music and the stage, recording briefly for Motown, opening for such acts as the Who and the Grateful Dead and appearing in the Broadway production of "Hair."

By the mid-1970s, he was in the theater and film versions of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," had served as an understudy for his friend John Belushi for the stage production of National Lampoon and had begun working with Steinman on "Bat Out of Hell."

Steinman had known Meat Loaf since the singer appeared in his 1973 musical "More Than You Deserve" and some of the songs on "Bat Out of Hell," including "All Revved Up With No Place to Go," were initially written for a planned stage show based on the story of Peter Pan. "Bat Out of Hell" took more than two years to find a taker as numerous record executives turned it

He is survived by Deborah Gillespie, his wife since 2007, and by daughters Pearl and Amanda Aday.

**LOUIE ANDERSON** 1953-2022

### Emmy-winning comedian made waves in 'Baskets' role

By Lynn Elber Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Louie Anderson, whose fourdecade career as a comedian and actor included his unlikely, Emmy-winning performance as mom to twin adult sons in the TV series "Baskets," died Friday. He was 68.

Anderson died at a hospital in Las Vegas of complications from cancer, said Glenn Schwartz, his longtime publicist.

Anderson had a type of non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Schwartz said previously.

The round-faced Anderson used his girth and a checkered childhood in St. Paul, Minnesota, as fodder for his early stand-up routines.

He had a lifelong battle with weight, but said in a 1987 interview with The Associated Press that he'd put a stop to using his size as stage material.

"I've always been big," he said. "But I don't do fat jokes anymore."

In later years, his life as one of 11 children in a family headed by a troubled father and devoted mother was a deeper source of reflection and inspiration for Anderson, both in his screen work and in his bestselling books.

His latest book, 2018's "Hey Mom," was a tribute in letters to the lessons he learned from her and how-to tips on facing life's challenges.

He also gave the late Ora Zella Anderson a shoutout for his "Baskets" role.

"I just started writing with one letter, saying, 'Hey Mom, I'm playing you on TV. I hope you see it. I hope you're a part of it ...'" Anderson told the AP that year.

He won the best supporting actor Emmy in 2016 for his portrayal of Christine Baskets, mother to twins played by Zach Galifianakis, in the FX series "Baskets."

Anderson, who received three consecutive Emmy nods for the role, credited



Louie Anderson, a stand-up comic who won an Emmy for the series "Baskets," has died at 68. PRESLEY ANN/GETTY 2018

his mom with the character. Anderson's early jobs included counseling troubled children.

He changed course after winning a 1981 Midwest comedy competition, where he was spotted by veteran comic Henny Youngman, according to Schwartz.

Anderson worked as a writer for Youngman and then gained onstage experience while crisscrossing the United States.

His big break came in 1984 when Johnny Carson, known for showcasing rising comedians on "The Tonight Show," brought him on to perform.

Anderson was a familiar face elsewhere on TV, including as host of a revival of the game show "Family Feud" from 1999 to 2002, and on comedy specials and in frequent late-night talk show appearances.

Anderson voiced an animated version of himself as a kid in "Life With Louie." He created the cartoon series, which first aired in prime time in late 1994 before moving to Saturday morning for its 1995-98 run. Anderson won two Daytime Emmy Awards for the role.

He also made guest

appearances in several TV series, including "Scrubs" and "Touched by an Angel," and was on the big screen in 1988's "Coming to America" and in last year's sequel to the Eddie Murphy comedy.

In a magazine interview, Anderson recounted getting the role after he spotted Murphy, who he knew from working in comedy clubs, at a Los Angeles restaurant. Anderson said hello, then made a costly decision that paid off.

"Take Eddie Murphy's check and put it on my credit card, but don't tell him until after I leave." Anderson recalled telling a waiter. He ended up with a \$600 charge, but Murphy called to thank him and offered to write a part for him in "Coming to America," Anderson said.

His books included "Dear Dad — Letters From An Adult Child, " a collection of letters from Anderson to his late father: "Good-bye Jumbo. Hello Cruel World," a self-help book, and "The F Word, How To Survive Your

His survivors include sisters Lisa and Shanna

### **WORLD NATION**

### CDC: 3 studies back booster shots

Extra doses shown to limit omicron infections, death

By Apoorva Mandavilli The New York Times

Booster shots of the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines are not just preventing infections with the contagious omicron variant - they are also keeping infected Americans from ending up in the hospital, according to data published Friday by the Centers for Disease Control and Preven-

The extra doses are 90% effective against hospitalization with the variant, the agency reported. Booster shots also reduced the likelihood of a visit to an emergency department or urgent care clinic. The extra doses were most effective against infection and death among Americans 50 and older, the data showed.

'If you are eligible for a booster and you haven't gotten it, ... you need to get your booster," CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said Friday during a briefing on the Biden administration's response to the pandemic.

Overall, the new data show that the vaccines were more protective against the delta variant than against omicron, which lab studies have found is partially able to sidestep the body's immune response.

It is generally accepted that booster shots keep people from becoming infected, at least for a while. Data from Israel and other countries have also suggested that boosters can help prevent severe illness and hospitalization, especially in older adults.



A teen prepares for a COVID-19 vaccine booster Wednesday in Rochester Hills, Mich. EMILY ELCONIN/THE NEW YORK TIMES

"Data from other countries have also shown significant benefit of getting the booster, but this is really showing it in the U.S.," Akiko Iwasaki, an immunologist at Yale University, said of the figures released Friday. "These numbers should be very convincing."

On Thursday night, the CDC published additional data showing that in December, unvaccinated Americans 50 and older were about 45 times more likely to be hospitalized than those who were vaccinated and got a third shot.

Yet less than 40% of fully vaccinated Americans who are eligible for a booster shot have received one.

Friday's results are based on three new studies led by the CDC. In one study, researchers analyzed hospitalizations and visits to emergency departments and urgent care clinics in 10 states from Aug. 26, 2021, to Jan. 5, 2022.

Vaccine effectiveness against hospitalization with the omicron variant fell to just 57% in people who had received their second dose more than six months earlier, the authors found. A third shot restored that protection to 90%.

It is unclear whether protection from the boosters might also wane as it did after two shots, noted Natalie Dean, a biostatistician at Emory University.

"We just have to recognize that all these estimates of omicron third-dose protection are going to be people who are pretty recently boosted," she said. "We do wonder the durability of boosters themselves."

When debating booster shot recommendations for all American adults, scientific advisers to the Food and Drug Administration and the CDC repeatedly bemoaned the lack of booster shot data that was specific to the United States.

There are differences between Israel and the The usefulness of booster

made by Pfizer-BioN-Tech and Moderna, or two

months after a single dose

of the Johnson & Johnson

shots in Americans younger than 50 was a topic of strong debate last fall. Several experts argued then that third shots were unnecessary for younger adults because two vaccine doses were holding up well.

Some of those experts remained unconvinced by the new data.

It was clear even months ago that older adults and those with weakened immune systems would benefit from extra doses of the vaccine, said Dr. Paul Offit, director of the Vaccine Education Center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and a member of the FDA's vaccine advisory committee.

But "where is the evidence that a third dose benefits a healthy young person?" he asked.

"If you're trying to stop the spread of this virus, vaccinate the unvaccinated," he said. "We keep trying to further protect the already protected."

But other experts changed their minds in favor of boosters because of the highly contagious omicron variant. Even if two doses were enough to keep young people out of hospitals, they said, a third dose could limit virus spread by preventing infections.

"They're both datadriven, legitimate positions," said John Moore, a virus expert at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York. But at this point, the debate is over: "We are using boosters in everyone and that's what's happening."

### Optimism high at March for Life

Protesters gather while justices mull abortion rights

By Ashraf Khalil, Paul J. Weber and Emily Wagster Pettus Associated Press

WASHINGTON Thousands of anti-abortion protesters were in a celebratory mood Friday as they rallied in the nation's capital and marched to the Supreme Court with a growing sense of optimism that their goal was finally in reach: a sweeping rollback of abortion rights.

The March for Life, for decades an annual protest against abortion, was held as the Supreme Court has indicated it will allow states to impose tighter restrictions on abortion with a ruling in the coming months — and possibly overturn the landmark 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that affirmed the constitutional right to an abortion.

"It doesn't feel real. There's so much hope and vibrancy and happiness and joy at this thing," said Jordan Moorman of Cincinnati. "I really do believe that we're in a post-Roe generation."

The rally, held one day before the 49th anniversary of the Roe decision, is taking place amid a COVID-19 surge that limited turnout at the National Mall. Some abortion opponents posted



Some of the thousands of protesters at the annual anti-abortion March for Life on Friday in Washington, SUSAN WALSH/AP

on the event's Facebook page that they will not attend because of vaccine mandates for people going to restaurants and other places in the District of Columbia.

Still, the rally drew a heavy contingent of young people and students bussed in by schools and church groups. Many were treating the end of Roe v. Wade as an inevitability.

"Hopefully this will be the last March for Life," said the Rev. Andrew Rudmann, a Catholic priest from New Orleans, who was attending his 11th event.

Rudmann said previ-

ous marches may have had larger crowds but he doesn't recall this level of optimism. He said the crowds grew "gigantic" under former President Donald Trump and the movement's enthusiasm grew with each Supreme Court appointee appointed by Donald Trump during his presidency.

"Sometimes I would come to the March and it would be great to be united with people who share my beliefs, but there would also be this heaviness," he said. "This time the whole language and vibe is different."

After the rally, the crowd

marched to the Supreme Court with chants that included "Hey hey, ho ho,

Roe v. Wade has got to go!" Abortion rights groups worry that at least 26 states are in line to further limit abortion access if Roe is weakened or overturned. In December, the court indicated in a major case that it would uphold a Mississippi ban on abortions after 15 weeks of pregnancy, and allow states to ban abortion even earlier.

The Mississippi case directly challenges Roe.

Courts have also dealt Texas abortion providers a string of defeats over efforts lenge and overturn Roe," September has banned abortions once cardiac activity is detected, which is usually around six weeks and before some women know they are pregnant.

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The CDC now recom-

mends booster shots for

everyone 12 and older, five

months after getting two

doses of the mRNA vaccines

of the omicron variant.

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Americans, they said.

Another loss for Texas clinics came Thursday, when the Supreme Court refused to speed up the ongoing challenge over the law, which providers say is now likely to stay in effect for the foreseeable future.

"This law is cruel and unconstitutional, and I am deeply disappointed that our judicial system has done very little to stop it," said Amy Hagstrom Miller, president of Whole Woman's Health, which operates four abortion clinics in Texas.

Lawmakers from both parties weighed in Friday to note the anniversary of Roe v. Wade and reflect on the shifting political landscape surrounding abortion.

"It has been an eye-opening year for the cause of life in America, and we have made significant progress in defending our youngest and most vulnerable," said Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California, the Republican leader in the House.

"The stakes are higher than ever, with the health and autonomy of women and families across the country hanging in the balance as Republicans work to methodically chal-

to block a law that since said Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H. "It's time to sound the alarm and make clear: decisions about our bodies. our health care and our future belong to us."

Dozens of GOP lawmakers appeared at the march or as part of a video voicing allegiance with those in attendance. White House press secretary Jen Psaki took note of the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade as part of Friday's press briefing, saying "reproductive health care has been under extreme and relentless assault ever since, especially in recent months.

She said the Biden administration was committed to working with Congress to pass a bill that protects the right to provide and access abortion care free from forced waiting periods, biased counseling and other restrictions.

Mississippi state Sen. Joey Fillingane, a Republican who pushed for the state's strict abortion laws, said that if Roe were nullified, he expects states to take different approaches to setting their own abortion laws.

"I think that's the way it should be," he said. "The laws in California, based on their population and what they want, may be very different than the laws in Mississippi based on what our population feels about the issue of life."

### Judge in Texas blocks Biden's vaccine mandate for federal workers

**By Adeel Hassan** The New York Times

A federal judge in Texas issued a preliminary injunction Friday blocking the White House from requiring federal workers to be vaccinated against the coronavirus — months after the White House said that 95% of federal workers were already in compliance.

The Justice Department said it would appeal the

President Joe Biden

announced in September that more than 3.5 million federal workers were required to get vaccinated by Nov. 22. He said that there would be no option to get regularly tested, aside from some religious or medical exemptions.

After the deadline passed, the White House said that more than 95% of federal workers were in compliance with the mandate. On Friday, the administration said that 98% of federal workers are vaccinated or have sought medical or religious exemptions.

"We are confident in our legal authority," White House press secretary Jen Psaki said Friday after the ruling.

The judge in Texas, Jeffrey Brown, ruled that opponents of the mandate for federal employees were likely to succeed at trial and blocked the government from enforcing the requirement. Brown was appointed to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas by President Donald Trump in 2019.

Brown said his ruling — in a lawsuit filed by the group Feds for Medical Freedom was not about whether people should get vaccinated against the coronavirus. He wrote that "the court believes they should."

"It is instead about whether the president can, with the stroke of a pen and without the input of Congress, require millions of federal employees to undergo a medical proce-

dure as a condition of their employment," he wrote in his 20-page ruling. That, he said, was "a bridge too far, " adding that less invasive measures could protect public health.

Last week, the Supreme Court blocked the Biden administration from enforcing a vaccine-or-testing mandate for large employers, dealing a blow to a key element of the White House's plan to address the pandemic as cases resulting from the omicron variant are on the rise.

In that case, conservative justices deemed the policy an improper imposition on the lives and health of many Americans. But the court allowed a more modest mandate requiring health care workers at facilities receiving federal money to be vaccinated.

The administration's third major vaccine requirement, which was aimed at employees of federal contractors. was blocked by a federal judge in December.

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#### **NEWS BRIEFING**

#### Giuliani associate gets year and day in prison in foreign donor case

From news services

NEW YORK - A Florida man who helped Rudy Giuliani seek damaging information against Joe Biden in Ukraine was sentenced to a year and a day in prison and fined \$10,000 Friday in an unrelated campaign finance case.

Igor Fruman was told to report to prison March 14. He pleaded guilty in September to a single charge of solicitation of a contribution by a foreign national.

He admitted soliciting \$1 million from Russian entrepreneur Andrey Muraviev to donate to Republicans in several states as part of an effort to launch a recreational marijuana business.

Federal prosecutors in New York had urged Judge J. Paul Oetken to sentence Fruman to between three and four years in prison. Defense lawyers had argued he should not face incarceration.

Oetken said the crime of soliciting foreign money for U.S. political campaigns was serious and deserved incarceration.

"It undermines the integrity of elections in our country," he said. "It undermines democracy."

Fruman, 55, was charged with Lev Parnas, another Florida businessman who helped Giuliani's attempt to spoil Biden's quest for the presidency on the Democratic ticket.

The pair served as liaisons between Giuliani and Ukrainian officials and business tycoons as the former New York City mayor tried to persuade prosecutors in that country to investigate Biden's son, Hunter, over his work for an energy company.

U.S. prosecutors haven't brought any charges in connection with the Ukrainian influence

campaign, which was the subject of one of former President Donald Trump's impeachment trials, but focused instead on donations that Fruman and Parnas made to U.S. politicians as they sought to build influence among Republi-

Parnas was convicted in October of campaign finance

**Synagogue standoff:** The gunman who held four people captive at a Texas synagogue in a 10-hour standoff that ended with the hostages escaping and an FBI tactical team rushing in was killed by multiple gunshot wounds, according to a medical examiner, who ruled the death a homicide.

The Tarrant County Medical Examiner released initial information from the autopsy of Malik Faisal Akram on Friday, six days after the 44-year-old British citizen took hostages at Congregation Beth Israel in the Dallas-area suburb of Collevville.

In Texas, a death being ruled a homicide indicates that one person was killed by another but does not necessarily mean the killing was a crime

Matt DeSarno, the FBI's special agent in charge in Dallas, said Friday that Akram's death "was a result of the deadly force used by

DeSarno also stressed that the FBI regarded the episode as an act of terrorism that threatened the Jewish community and "intentionally targeted" a house of worship. The act, he said, "was committed by a terrorist espousing an anti-Semitic worldview.

**Election threats charge:** The Justice Department on Friday charged a Texas man with publicly calling for



Environmental emergency: Workers remove oil Friday from Peru's Cavero Beach. Peruvian officials said 21 beaches were contaminated by an oil spill at a Spanish-owned refinery caused by surging waves following the Jan. 15 eruption of an undersea volcano near the South Pacific nation of Tonga. People have been barred from all affected beaches in Peru. MARTIN MEJIA/AP

the assassination of Georgia's election officials on the day before the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol.

Federal prosecutors accused Chad Christopher Stark, 54, of Leander, Texas, of calling for "Georgia Patriots" to "put a bullet" in a Georgia election official whom the indictment refers to as Official A.

Stark, according to the indictment, made the admonition in a post on Craigslist while then-President Donald Trump and his allies were putting pressure on Brad Raffensperger, the Georgia secretary of state who certified Trump's defeat in the state to Joe

Stark was charged with one count of communicating interstate threats.

In addition to the two Georgia election officials, Stark's Craigslist post also threatened a third Georgia official.

Stark appeared before a federal judge in Austin, Texas, on Friday for an initial appearance.

Stark was not required to enter a plea and asked the court to appoint him an

He faces up to five years in prison if convicted.

Fake electors: Democratic U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan of Wisconsin on Friday asked U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland for a Justice Department investigation into 10 Republican electors who submitted false paperwork last year saying former President Donald Trump had won.

President Joe Biden carried Wisconsin by just under 21,000 votes.

The Republicans who met have defended the move, saying they were submitting the votes in case courts overturned Trump's loss.

Pocan said it was imperative for the Justice Department to act "to deter other officials who may seek to engage in election fraud."

He urged Garland to act quickly.

Republicans in seven states - Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, New Mexico, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin - submitted paperwork to the U.S. Senate and National Archives saying they believe Trump actually won, even though

he didn't. New Mexico and Pennsylvania Republicans added a caveat saying it was done in case they were later recognized as duly elected, qualified electors.

US-Japan talks: President Joe Biden and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida on Friday used their first formal meeting to discuss concerns about China's growing military assertiveness.

Kishida said the two leaders spent a "significant amount" of their 80-minute call on issues surrounding China.

Biden and Kishida also discussed the situations in Hong Kong and China's Xinjiang province. Biden has repeatedly called out Beijing over its crackdown on democracy activists in Hong Kong and forced labor practices targeting China's Uyghur Muslims and other ethnic minorities in Xinji-

Deadly Taiwan fire: Taiwanese prosecutors on Friday formally charged a suspect with homicide and arson in the case of an October fire that killed 46 and injured dozens.

Huang Ge-ge is accused of deliberately pouring hot ashes on the sofa in the room where her partner, Kuo Ching-wen, lived, according to a statement posted by prosecutors in the city of Kaohsiung, where the fire took place.

The prosecutors said that Huang, 52, was unhappy that Kuo, 53, had not answered her calls or replied to messages after they quarreled earlier that night.

Huang has been detained since Oct. 16, two days after the fire.



than 100 militants stormed the facility. KURDISH-LED SYRIAN DEMOCRATIC FORCES

### IS jailbreak, attacks in Syria and Iraq leave dozens dead

By Qassim Abdul-Zahra and Sarah El Deeb Associated Press

BAGHDAD - The Islamic State group unleashed its biggest attack in Syria since the fall of its "caliphate" three years ago. Over 100 militants stormed the main prison holding suspected extremists, sparking a battle with U.S.-backed Kurdish fighters that continued 24 hours later and left dozens dead on Friday.

Across the border in Iraq, gunmen infiltrated an army barracks north of Baghdad early Friday as soldiers inside slept, killing 11 before escaping — the deadliest attack in months on Iraq's

The assaults suggest militants are revitalized after maintaining a low-level insurgency in Iraq and Syria over the past few years. The group's territorial control in Iraq and Syria was crushed by a yearslong U.S.-backed campaign, but its fighters continued with sleeper cells that have increasingly killed scores of Iraqis and Syrians in past months.

The attack in Syria targeted Gweiran Prison

in the northeastern city of Hassakeh, the largest of around a dozen facilities run by U.S.-backed Syrian Kurdish forces holding suspected IS fighters. Gweiran holds some 5,000 inmates, including IS commanders and figures considered among the most dangerous, according to Farhad Shami, a spokesman for the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces, or SDF.

The forces' commander. Mazloum Abadi, said IS mobilized "most of its sleeper cells" to organize the jailbreak.

The militants, armed with heavy machine guns and vehicles rigged with explosives, attacked Thursday evening, Shami said.

The fighting started with a large explosion, followed by two blasts later, said one nearby resident. Prisoners inside the facility rioted and tried to break out simultaneously as a car bomb went off outside and gunmen clashed with security forces, Shami said. A car bomb hit a nearby petroleum depot, sparking a fire that still burned Friday.

On Friday, Kurdish forces were trying to retake the northern part of the prison,

where inmates remained in control and attempted a second escape.

Pentagon press secretary John Kirby said Friday the U.S. used airstrikes to support the SDF.

Shami said that the SDF had cordoned off the area and so far recaptured 104 militants who escaped from the prison. But he said the total number who had broken out was not determined.

Friday's attack in Iraq was on a barracks in the mountainous al-Azim district outside Baqouba.

Two security officials told The Associated Press that IS militants broke in at 3 a.m. after killing a guard, shot the soldiers and fled. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity as they weren't authorized to issue official statements.

The Iraqi military said a lieutenant and 10 soldiers were killed.

Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi vowed the attack on the barracks 'will not go without decisive punishment."

IS was largely defeated in Iraq in 2017, but its militants have continued to wage

### Saudi-led airstrike on prison kills scores, Yemeni rebels say

By Jon Gambrell and Maad al-Zikry **Associated Press** 

SANAA, Yemen - A Saudi-led coalition airstrike hit a prison run by Yemen's Houthi rebels on Friday, killing at least 70 detainees and wounding dozens, a rebel minister said. The strike was part of a pounding aerial offensive that hours earlier knocked the Arab world's poorest coun-

try off the internet. The intense campaign comes after the Iranbacked Houthis claimed a drone and missile attack that struck inside the United Arab Emirates' capital earlier in the week - a major escalation in the conflict in Yemen where the Saudi-led coalition, backed by the UAE, has battled the

rebels since 2015. Taha al-Motawakel, health minister in the Houthi government which controls northern Yemen. told The Associated Press that 70 detainees were killed at the prison and that he expects the number to rise as many others were

seriously wounded. "The world cannot be quiet when faced with these crimes," al-Motawakel said, and asked for international aid organizations to send medical staff and aid.

He said medical workers in Yemen have been exhausted by the influx of injured from the strikes, after already operating with scarce resources during the pandemic.

Earlier Friday, a Saudi airstrike in the port city of Hodeida — later confirmed by satellite photos analyzed by the AP — hit a telecommunication center that's key to Yemen's connection to the internet. Airstrikes also hit near the capital, Sanaa, held by the Houthis since late 2014.

The escalation was the most intense since the 2018 fighting for Hodeida and comes after a year of U.S.



An image grab taken Friday shows a prison in the Houthi rebel stronghold of Saada in Yemen after a Saudi-led airstrike. At least 70 people were killed. ANSARULLAH MEDIA CENTER

and U.N. efforts failed to bring the two sides to the negotiating table.

Basheer Omar, an International Committee of the Red Cross spokesperson in Yemen, said rescuers continued to search for survivors in the rebel-run prison in the northern city of Saada. The Red Cross had moved some of the wounded to facilities elsewhere, he said.

**Doctors Without Borders** put the number of wounded alone at "around 200."

Ahmed Mahat, the organization's head of mission in Yemen, said they had reports of "many bodies still at the scene of the airstrike, many missing people."

The organization Save the Children said the Saada prison holds detained migrants.

The Saudi-led coalition did not confirm the Saada attack. It has frequently struck civilian locations during the war, now in its eighth year. It remained unclear if the detention facility was the intended target.

As for the airstrike in Hodeida, NetBlocks said the nationwide internet disruption began around 1 a.m. and affected TeleYemen, the state-owned monopoly that controls internet access in the country after a strike on a telecommunications

building.

TeleYemen is run by the Houthis. More than 18 hours later, the internet remained down.

The Houthi's Al-Masirah satellite news channel said the strike on the telecommunications building killed and wounded an unspecified number of people.

Save the Children said the Hodeida strike killed at least three children playing on a soccer field. Satellite photos analyzed by the AP corresponded to photos shared on social media of the telecommunications building being flattened by the airstrike.

The Saudi-led coalition acknowledged carrying out "accurate airstrikes to destroy the capabilities of the militia" around Hodeida's port. It didn't immediately confirm striking a telecommunications target, but instead called Hodeida a hub for piracy and Iranian arms smuggling to back the Houthis.

Iran has denied arming the Houthis, though U.N. experts, independent analysts and Western nations point to evidence showing Tehran's link to the weapons.

On Friday, Houthi supporters rallied, calling the airstrikes "an American escalation."

# Senate panel OKs bill to blunt Big Tech platforms

Measure would bar dominant firms from favoring their goods and services

By Marcy Gordon Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress has taken a new step toward reining in the market dominance of Big Tech.

Bipartisan legislation advanced by a Senate panel would bar the dominant online platforms from favoring their own goods and services over those of rivals. It could, for example, prevent Amazon from steering consumers to its own brands and away from competitors' products on its giant e-commerce platform.

The bill also could bring restrictions for Google's search engine, which accounts for about 90% of web searches worldwide and routinely places its services at the top of search results.

The legislation won a 16-6 vote in the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday and was sent on to the full Senate. The action marked a new turn in Congress' effort to curb the dominance of the tech giants and anticompetitive practices that critics say have hurt consumers, small busi-

nesses and innovation.

Lobbying by Meta — formerly Facebook — Google, Amazon, Apple and other tech giants was intense ahead of the Senate panel's action.

The industry warned that the bill's restrictions would hurt Amazon Prime, the popular streaming and shopping service with free delivery and an estimated 200 million members around the globe.

The bill "would harm consumers and the more than 500,000 U.S. small and medium-sized businesses that sell in the Amazon store," Brian Huseman, Amazon's vice president of public policy, said in a blog post. It "would jeopardize Amazon's ability to operate a marketplace for sellers, and it would significantly degrade the benefits of Amazon Prime that customers love."

Sen. Amy Klobuchar, the Minnesota Democrat leading the legislation, and other lawmakers gave assurances that the bill wouldn't affect Amazon Prime or other subscription services.

The dispute highlighted the delicate task facing lawmakers as they aim to tighten

reins around a powerful industry whose services, mostly free or nearly so, are popular with consumers and embedded into daily life.

The new legislation is complex and senators of both parties had objections to some provisions, even though all condemned the tech giants' conduct.

Many proposed amendments were carried over for negotiations before the bill reaches the Senate floor, and those talks promise to be strenuous.

With the midterm elections coming in November, the window for action is narrow, noted Klobuchar, who heads the Judiciary subcommittee on competition policy. "We've got to get it to the floor before then," she said in a phone interview.

If the Democrats were to lose their tenuous majority in Congress, prospects could greatly dim for passing legislation that would curb the tech industry.

While most Republican lawmakers are critical of the dominance of Big Tech, many of them balk at a major revamp of competition rules.



By John Seewer and Andrew Welsh-Huggins Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Intel will invest \$20 billion in a new computer chip facility in Ohio amid a global shortage of microprocessors used in everything from phones and cars to video games.

After years of heavy reliance on Asia for the production of computer chips, vulnerability to shortages of the crucial components was exposed in the U.S. and Europe as they began to emerge economically from the pandemic.

The U.S. share of the worldwide chip manufacturing market has declined from 37% in 1990 to 12% today, according to the Semiconductor Industry Association, and shortages have become a potential risk.

Two chip factories on the 1,000-acre site in Licking County, east of Columbus, are expected to create 3,000 company jobs and 7,000 construction jobs, and to support tens of thousands of additional jobs for suppliers and partners, California-based Intel and local and state officials announced Friday.

Construction is expected to begin this year, with production coming online at the end of 2025.

The U.S. and Europe are pushing to aggressively to build chipmaking capacity and reduce reliance on producers that are now mostly based in Asia.

Taiwan leads the world in chipmaking, accounting for 22% of global manufacturing capacity, followed by South Korea with 21%, and Japan and mainland China each with 15%, according to the SIA.

Several chipmakers such as South Koreabased Samsung last year signaled an interest in expanding their American operations if the U.S. government is able to make it easier to build chip plants.



Mexico is a buying an oil refinery in Texas that depicts U.S. rebels led by Sam Houston. BRANDON THIBODEAUX/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2021

### Bid for energy independence

Mexico acquiring refinery in Texas nearly 200 years after rebels secured state's freedom

By Clifford Krauss The New York Times

DEER PARK, Texas — Two giant murals, on storage tanks at an oil refinery here, depict the rebels led by Sam Houston who secured Texas' independence from Mexico in the 1830s. This week those murals will become the property of the Mexican national oil company, which is acquiring full control of the refinery.

The refinery purchase is part of President Andres Manuel López Obrador's own bid for an independence of sorts. In an effort to achieve energy self-sufficiency, the president of Mexico is investing heavily in the state-owned oil company, placing a renewed emphasis on petroleum production and retreating from renewable energy even as some oil giants such as BP and Royal Dutch Shell are investing more in that sector.

López Obrador aims to eliminate most Mexican oil exports over the next two years so the country can process more of it domestically. He wants to replace the gasoline and diesel supplies the country currently buys from other refineries in the United States with fuel produced domestically or by the refinery in Deer Park, which would be made from crude oil it imports from Mexico.

The shift would be an ambitious leap for Petroleos Mexicanos, the company commonly known as Pemex. The company's oil production has been falling for more than a decade, and it shoulders more than \$100 billion in debt, the largest of any oil company in the world.

The decision to pay \$596 million for a controlling interest in the Deer Park refinery, which sits on the Houston ship channel and would be the only major Pemex operation outside Mexico, is central to fulfilling López Obrador's plans to rehabilitate the long-ailing oil sector and establishing eight productive refineries for Mexican use. Mexico also agreed to pay off \$1.2 billion in debts that Pemex and Shell jointly owe as co-owners of the refinery, which is profitable.

"The most important thing is that in 2023 we will be self-sufficient in gasoline and diesel and there will be no increase in fuel prices," López Obrador said in 2021.

López Obrador hails from the oilproducing state of Tabasco, and the powerful Pemex labor union is a crucial part of his political base. He ran on a platform of rebuilding the company, and he has raised its production budget, cut taxes it pays and reversed efforts by his predecessor to restructure its monopoly over oil production in the country.

When he took office in 2018, López Obrador began undoing changes made in 2013 to the country's constitution intended to open the oil and gas industry to private and foreign investment. He is also pushing to reverse electricity reforms that his predecessor, Enrique Peña Nieto, put in place to increase the use of privately funded wind and solar farms and move away from staterun power plants fueled by oil and coal.

Energy experts say Mexico is backtracking on a commitment it made a decade ago under President Felipe Calderón, to generate more than one-third of its power from clean-energy sources by 2024. Mexico now produces just over 25% of its power from renewables.

"They are going to heavier fuels rather than to lighter fuels," said David Goldwyn, a top U.S. State Department energy official in the Obama administration.

López Obrador's government has said it will combat climate change by investing in hydroelectric power and reforestation.

#### **BUSINESS BRIEFING**

### Toyota slammed by parts shortage

TOKYO — The shortage of parts caused by the coronavirus pandemic is further denting production at Toyota, Japan's top automaker.

Production at 11 plants in Japan was halted Friday and will continue Saturday and Monday, Toyota Motor Corp. said.

That comes on top of reductions planned for February that were announced earlier.

Those reductions will be on various days at eight of its 14 plants in Japan, including assembly lines making the Prius hybrid and Lexus luxury models.

Supplies are low because of a lack of computer chips. Plants in and out of Japan have undergone lockdowns and stoppages related to COVID-19 measures.

Production in January will be reduced by 47,000 vehicles, according to Toyota.

### Calif. gun store closings illegal

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Two California counties violated the Constitution's right to keep and bear arms when they shut down gun and ammunition stores in 2020 as nonessential businesses during the coronavirus pandemic, a federal appeals court ruled Thursday.

Officials in Los Angeles and Ventura counties had separately won lower court decisions saying gun stores were not exempt from broader shutdown orders aimed at limiting the spread of the coronavirus early in the pandemic. A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected both lower court rulings.

Similar restrictions were imposed in 10 other states, according to the Firearms Policy Coalition, one of the groups that sued.

### Total, Chevron to stop Myanmar operations

**By Lori Hinnant** Associated Press

PARIS — Total Energies and Chevron, two of the world's largest energy companies, said Friday they were stopping all operations in Myanmar, citing rampant human rights abuses and deteriorating rule of law since the country's military overthrew the elected government in February.

The announcement came a day after Total, a French company, called for international sanctions targeting the oil and gas sector, which remains one of the military government's primary sources of funding. It also comes a month after an Associated Press story on the growing push for oil and gas sanctions on both companies and on

the resistance from the United States and France.

Total and U.S.-based Chevron had come under increasing pressure over their role in running the offshore Yadana gas field, along with the state-owned Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and Thailand's PTT Exploration and Production. Total has a majority stake in the venture and runs its daily operations, while MOGE collects revenues on behalf of

the government.

"The situation of rule of law and human rights in Myanmar has clearly deteriorated over months and despite the civil disobedience movements, the junta has kept power and our analysis is that it's unfortunately for the long term," Total said.

Since the takeover, the military has

cracked down brutally against dissent, abducting young men and boys, killing health care workers and torturing prison-

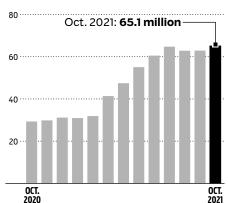
Total said it would withdraw without financial compensation and hand over its interests to the other stakeholders.

About 50% of Myanmar's foreign currency comes from natural gas revenues, with MOGE expected to earn \$1.5 billion from offshore and pipeline projects in 2021-2022, according to a Myanmar government forecast. Prior rounds of U.S. and European sanctions against the Myanmar military have excluded oil and gas.

The Yadana field, which supplies gas to Myanmar and Thailand, is expected to be exhausted in the next several years.

#### Airline traffic

Monthly scheduled passengers on U.S. airline flights, international and domestic, scale in millions



2020 SOURCE: Bureau of Transportation Statistics

#### **BUSINESS**



Known for its online presence, Amazon announced plans to open its first brick-and-mortar clothing store later this year at a mall in Glendale, California. GREG MONTIJO/AMAZON

### Online titan Amazon to open clothing store in Calif. mall

By Anne D'Innocenzio **Associated Press** 

NEW YORK - First, Amazon competed with malls. Now, it's moving inside one

The online retailing giant said Thursday that it plans to open a clothing store in a Southern California mall later this year. It's the latest foray into brick-and-mortar for Amazon, which already sells more than 10% of all

clothes in the U.S. The store, which will sell women's and men's clothing as well as shoes and other accessories, will open at Americana at Brand in Glendale, California. The entry into malls could become another threat to traditional clothing sellers because of the data and shopper insights Amazon

may gain, experts say. Amazon says its algorithms will spit out realtime recommendations as shoppers keep scanning items they see. Shoppers can also fill out an online survey of their preferences for style and fit.

The store will be about 30,000 square feet, similar in size to a Kohl's, but about one-third the size of

other department stores like Macy's. However, it will offer more than double the number of styles as traditional stores do because only one of each piece of clothing will be on display, with the rest in the back room. Items are chosen by Amazon curators who also use feedback provided by

Simoina Vasen, managing director of Amazon Style, declined to comment on rollout plans of the new store concept or sales projections. Amazon didn't give a date for the opening of the Glendale store.

millions of customers shop-

ping on Amazon.com.

Amazon unseated Walmart as the largest clothing seller last year during the pandemic as more people began shopping online.

Wells Fargo forecast in March that Amazon's clothing and footwear sales in the U.S. increased by about 15% in 2020 to more than \$41 billion. That's about 20% to 25% above Walmart and 11% to 12% share of all clothing sold in the U.S.

Amazon has been making a big push into fashion in recent years through its own labels and in September 2020, it launched an online shop called Luxury Stores.

Shoppers at the Amazon Style store can browse items on display and scan a QR code to see sizes, colors and customer ratings. Shoppers can send items to fitting rooms or directly to the store's counter. Once in a fitting room, customers can request other items using a touchscreen.

Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData Retail, said the prototype store could deepen Amazon's influence in the sector, especially among clothing shoppers who love exploring and browsing physical stores. And it could empower Amazon with more shopping data.

But he also cautioned that Amazon's success depends on execution.

"Traditionally, it is not all that good at creating a great in-store experience," said Saunders. "It tends to be very solid at technology and operations but can fall short on spirit and soul — both of which are particularly important in fashion where consumers love inspiration, curation and personal services."

### Labor report: Afghan crisis to blame for massive job losses

By Elaine Kurtenbach Associated Press

BANGKOK - More than a half million people in Afghanistan have lost their jobs since the Taliban takeover in mid-August, the International Labor Organization said in a report released this week.

The ILO said the crisis has paralyzed the economy and slammed the labor market. The situation is especially devastating for women and for people working in farming, government posts, social services and construction, with many people losing their jobs or not receiving their wages.

Many companies are hard pressed to stay afloat, as thousands of Afghans flee the country each day. Between 700,00 and 900,000 jobs are likely to have been lost by June as work becomes more scarce, said the report by the ILO, the United Nations agency working to promote labor standards and decent work for all people.

The economic fallout from the takeover has been vast, with cash shortages and limits on bank withdrawals leaving both companies and individuals struggling.

The economy was already teetering after four decades of war, a severe drought and the pandemic. After the Taliban seized power amid a chaotic withdrawal of U.S. and NATO troops, the international community froze Afghanistan's assets abroad and halted all funding, unwilling to work with a Taliban government given its reputation for brutality during its previous rule 20 years ago.

"The situation in Afghanistan is critical and immediate support for stabilization and recovery is required," Ramin Behzad, senior coordinator of the ILO for Afghanistan, said in a statement.

"While the priority is to



after the Taliban takeover in August. Above, workers waiting to be hired in Kabul, Afghanistan. FELIPE DANA/AP 2021

meet immediate humanitarian needs, lasting and inclusive recovery will depend on people and communities having access to decent employment, livelihoods and basic services," he said.

Women held about one in five jobs in Afghanistan in 2020, but are now being prevented from working in some areas. Education for girls has also been limited, though Taliban leaders have said they hope to be able to open all schools for girls across the country after late March.

The ILO's report is the latest call for more international support for the Afghan people, as the U.N. warns 8.7 million Afghans are on the brink of starvation.

Last week, U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres urged the international community to fund a \$5 billion humanitarian appeal, release Afghanistan's frozen assets, and jump-start its banking system to avert economic and social collapse.

The ILO report estimates that female employment dropped by 16% in the July to September period, compared with what it would have been had there been no Taliban takeover. The decline for men was 5%, it said.

While a severe hardship, that suggests most women who were employed still have their jobs, working in the airport, customs, health and education among many other places.

Women's rights had improved markedly over two decades of international presence in Afghanistan, but are seen as under threat with the return of the Taliban, whose earlier rule in the 1990s saw them virtually cloistered.

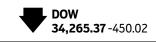
The ILO report noted that the worsening employment conditions also may lead to more use of child labor in a country where more than 1 million children aged 5-17 are working.

Many children are not in school or working — only four in 10 were attending school according to a survey conducted in 2019-2020.

UN agencies are working with Afghan companies and trade unions to try to provide crucial assistance and sustain community services, the report said.

#### MARKET RUNDOWN

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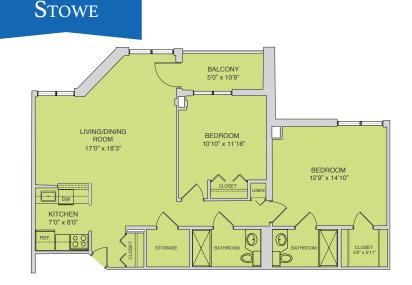
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#### **Stocks of Local Interest**

|   |                           |                 | YTD            |                            |         |                 | YTD   |
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| STOCK (TICKER)                                    | CLOSE                     | CHG.            | %CHG           | STOCK (TICKER)             | CLOSE   | CHG.            | %CHG  |
| AMC Entertainment A (AMC)                         |                           | 10              | -33.9          | Meta Platforms Inc (FB)    | 303.17  | -13.39          | -9.9  |
| AT&T Inc (T)                                      | 26.61                     | 41              | +8.2           | MetLife Inc (MET)          | 65.61   | 85              | +5.0  |
| Adv Micro Dev (AMD)                               | 118.81                    | -3.08           | -17.4          | Micron Tech (MU)           | 81.93   | -3.14           | -12.0 |
| American Airlines Gp (AAL)                        | 16.30                     | 46              | -9.2           | Microsoft Corp (MSFT)      | 296.03  | -5 <b>.</b> 57  | -12.0 |
| Amphenol Corp (APH)                               | 77.03                     | 88              | -11.9          | Netflix Inc (NFLX)         | 397.50  | -110.75         | -34.0 |
| Apple Inc (AAPL)                                  | 162.41                    | -2.10           | -8.5           | Nikola Corp (NKLA)         | 7.30    | 69              | -26.0 |
| Avangrid Inc (AGR)                                | 46.13                     | 10              | -7.5           | Novartis AG (NVS)          | 87.03   | -1.16           | 5     |
| Bank of America (BAC)                             | 44.92                     | 83              | +1.0           | Nvidia Corporation (NVDA)  | 233.74  | -7.76           | -20.5 |
| Barnes Group (B)                                  | 45.54                     | 19<br>+1.90     | -2.3<br>+133.1 | Otis Worldwide Corp (OTIS) | 83.11   | +.90            | -4.5  |
| Blue Star Foods Corp (BSFC)                       |                           |                 | +133.1<br>-2.2 | Palantir Technol (PLTR)    | 13.53   | -1.09           | -25.7 |
|   | 2345 <b>.</b> 86<br>63.54 | -87.78<br>-1.04 | -2.2<br>+1.9   | Peloton Interactive (PTON) | 27.06   | +2.84           | -24.3 |
| Brist Myr Sqb (BMY)<br>CSX Corp (CSX)             | 34.10                     | -1.04<br>-1.14  | +1.9<br>-9.3   | Peoples Utd Fncl (PBCT)    | 18.53   | 77              | +4.0  |
| CVS Health Corp (CVS)                             | 101.56                    | 83              | -1.6           | Pfizer Inc (PFE)           | 52.79   | -1.26           | -10.6 |
| Carnival Corp (CCL)                               | 19.99                     | 81              | -1.6           | Pitney Bowes (PBI)         | 5.78    | 25              | -12.8 |
| Carrier Global Corp (CARR)                        | 47.80                     | 23              | -11.9          | Plug Power Inc (PLUG)      | 21.06   | 54              | -25.4 |
| Charter Communic (CHTR)                           | 569.69                    | -2.47           | -12.6          | Prudential Fncl (PRU)      | 110.01  | -2.42           | +1.6  |
| Cigna Corp (CI)                                   | 236.25                    | -4.14           | +2.9           | Pub Svc Ent Gp (PEG)       | 65.44   | -2.42           | -1.9  |
| Citigroup (C)                                     | 63.27                     | -1.19           | +4.8           | Raytheon Technolog (RTX)   | 87.21   | -1.15           | +1.3  |
| Cleveland-Cliffs Inc (CLF)                        | 16.98                     | -1.83           | -22.0          |                            |         | -1.15<br>26     |       |
| Comcast Corp A (CMCSA)                            | 49.73                     | 49              | -1.2           | Rogers Corp (ROG)          | 272.76  |                 | 1     |
| Disney (DIS)                                      | 137.38                    | -10.24          | -11.3          | SS&C Technlogies (SSNC)    | 79.52   | -1.57           | -3.0  |
| DraftKings Inc (DKNG)                             | 19.46                     | -1.21           | -29.2          | Snap Inc A (SNAP)          | 32.12   | -2.87           | -31.7 |
| EMCOR Group Inc (EME)                             | 116.98                    | -1.00           | -8.2           | SoFi Technologies (SOFI)   | 13.89   | -1.11           | -12.1 |
| Ethan Allen (ETD)                                 | 24.37                     | +.11            | -7.3           | Stanley Black & Deck (SWK) |         | -4.24           | -6.9  |
| Eversource Energy (ES)                            | 87.11                     | +.44            | -4.3           | Starwood Prop Trust (STWD) |         | 37              | -1.0  |
| Exela Technologies (XELA)                         | .40                       | 05              | -54.6          | Sundial Growers Inc (SNDL) | .48     | 04              | -17.3 |
| Exxon Mobil Corp (XOM)                            | 72.17                     | -1.10           | +17.9          | TDH Holdings Inc (PETZ)    | .48     | +.01            | -87.7 |
| Ford Motor (F)                                    | 20.65                     | -1.00           | 6              | Terex Corp (TEX)           | 41.78   | 75              | -4.9  |
| FuelCell Energy (FCEL)                            | 3.90                      | 23              | -25.0          | Tesla Inc (TSLA)           | 943.90  | -52 <b>.</b> 37 | -10.7 |
| Gen Dynamics (GD)                                 | 206.54                    | -2.44           | 9              | Travelers Cos (TRV)        | 162.61  | -2.57           | +4.0  |
| Gen Electric (GE)                                 | 96.30                     | -1.95           | +1.9           | Uber Technologies (UBER)   | 35.94   | -1.88           | -14.3 |
| Grab Holdings Ltd A (GRAB)                        | 5.60                      | 34              | -21.5          | United Rentals (URI)       | 297.17  | -9.94           | -10.6 |
| Hartford Fn Sv (HIG)                              | 69.32                     | -1.78           | +.4            | US Steel Corp (X)          | 19.25   | -2.05           | -19.2 |
| Honeywell Intl (HON)                              | 205.10                    | -3.82           | -1.6           | UnitedHealth Group (UNH)   | 461.17  | -1.83           | -8.2  |
| Horizon Tech Fin (HRZN)<br>Huntgtn Bancshs (HBAN) | 14.41                     | -1.22<br>-1.50  | -9.5<br>-1.6   | Virtus Invest (VRTS)       | 261.51  | -12.37          | -12.0 |
|   | 15.18<br>23.41            | -1.50<br>27     | -1.6<br>-7.5   | Voya Financial (VOYA)      | 69.74   | -1.72           | +5.2  |
| Infosys Ltd (INFY)<br>Intel Corp (INTC)           | 52.04                     |                 | +1.0           | Webster Financial (WBS)    | 60.52   | 79              | +8.4  |
| Kaman (KAMN)                                      | 41.35                     | <br>35          | -4.2           | Wells Fargo & Co (WFC)     | 53.67   | -1.33           | +11.9 |
| Keycorp (KEY)                                     | 24.79                     | 34              | +7.2           | White Mtns Insur (WTM)     | 1022.68 | -6.69           | +.9   |
| Lincoln Natl Corp (LNC)                           | 67.84                     | -2.69           | 6              | World Wrestling Ent (WWE)  | 49.65   | 85              | +.6   |
| Lucid Group Inc (LCID)                            | 37.75                     | 97              | 8              | XPO Logistics Inc (XPO)    | 66.62   | -1.85           | -14.0 |
| MGM Resorts Intl (MGM)                            | 40.96                     | 59              | -8.7           | Xerox Holdings Corp (XRX)  | 21.69   | 73              | -4.2  |
| Magellan Health Inc (MGLN)                        |                           |                 |                | Zynga Inc (ZNGA)           | 8.99    | 04              | +40.5 |
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### **OPINION**

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# Biden's road back: Asking GOP, 'What are they for?'

**By E.J. Dionne Jr.**The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The old joke about Wagner's music being better than it sounds applies to President Joe Biden's first year in office: It's better than it looks. Alas for Biden, that's not good enough.

With the president's approval ratings languishing, the first anniversary of his inauguration has turned into a Rorschach test for partisans and commentators. Advice on how to turn his presidency around bears an uncanny resemblance to the preexisting views of those offering their counsel.

Republicans say Biden needs to be less partisan, centrists that he needs to be more moderate, the consensually minded that he didn't do enough to bring us together — and so on.

None of us checks our values at the analytical door, but let's try to separate our assumptions from realities.

Biden and his supporters are frustrated at how little notice is given to all that has gone right this past year, as the president took pains to remind us at his news conference on Wednesday.

With 6.2 million jobs created on his watch, the unemployment rate is at 3.9%, far lower than anyone anticipated when he took office. Gross domestic product is up and workers have more bargaining power than they've enjoyed in decades.

Some 210 million Americans are fully vaccinated, as Biden noted, through more than a half-billion shots. With very narrow congressional majorities, Biden secured his \$1.9 trillion economic relief package and a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill.

It's a good record. The problem is that much of this occurred in the first part of Biden's opening year. His approval ratings then, a healthy 50% to 60%,

reflected this.
Then came the pell-mell
withdrawal from Afghanistan,
the fruitless wrangling among
Democrats over his Build Back
Better program and a partial
unraveling of Biden's earlier
achievements.

The last development might be most important because voters incline toward what-have-you-done-for-me-lately thinking. The strong economic growth combined with much-discussed supply-chain problems to produce inflation. The delta



President Joe Biden's task is to combine effective, visible engagement on the front-burner problems with a determined effort to raise the stakes in our politics. **ANDREW HARNIK/AP** 

and omicron variants rolled back progress against the coronavirus pandemic and pointed to how Biden, in betting big on vaccination, shortchanged testing. It's also true that some Republican politicians, a massive disinformation campaign and, lately, the Supreme Court, undercut those vaccination efforts.

Here is where middle-ofthe road critiques of Biden are right: He needs to focus incessantly on the virus and inflation — twin challenges that are top of mind for most Americans. Biden clearly knows this, which is why he spoke at length on Wednesday about how his administration has made testing widely available through an easy-to-use website and is boosting access to high-quality N95 masks.

Going forward, he needs to settle on a strategy that reaches toward as much normality as is consistent with the virus threat, and he needs to put an end to confusing messaging from various parts of the government.

Neither will be easy.

On inflation, he needs highly visible efforts to unsnarl the supply chain. One idea: Create a task force on these issues. Possible members: Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg; Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm; Cecilia Rouse, chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisers; Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo; Labor Secretary Marty Walsh; and Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. Have them report publicly every week on concrete steps the administration is taking to fix the prob-

But as progressives insist, Biden also needs to resolve the core contradiction of his presidency — between his longing to be the great unifier and his desire to do big things Republicans were bound to oppose. Not, mind you, radical things. Simply helping Americans on health care, child care, education and relief for our ailing planet.

The problem with dreams of bipartisan Nirvana is that the other party must be willing to cooperate. Except on physical infrastructure, achieving this would have required Biden to abandon all his campaign promises around economic justice. He acknowledged Wednesday that he had not "anticipated" the ferocity of GOP obstruction.

And on the biggest struggle of this generation, the battle for voting rights and democracy, Trumpified Republicans are plainly committed to giving the states they run free rein to suppress votes and subvert elections.

Democrats need to enact whatever they can of Build Back Better and then move on to passing pieces of what's left individually, if only to force the question Biden asked of Republicans at his news conference: "What are they for?" And whatever happens the next few days on voting rights, they cannot walk away from the struggle — in Washington or in the states.

Biden's task is to combine effective, visible engagement on the front-burner problems with a determined effort to raise the stakes in our politics. Americans need to come to terms with the radicalism of the Republican Party and its attacks on our democracy. If the president can make progress on the first imperative, he'll earn the nation's attention on the second.

E.J. Dionne Jr. writes about politics for The Washington Post.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Putin again seems to be working for GOP

Vladimir Putin's antics along the Ukraine border could easily be interpreted as another attempt to interfere in our elections and worse. There is hardly a way to deal with his antics without believing that how we deal with them will help Republicans in the midterms and help Donald Trump to get reelected. Sanctions, military aid or, even worse, our military intervention with air strikes will only give Republicans ammunition to use against President Joe Biden. I wouldn't rule out an attempt to impeach Biden should they get control of the House.

The chances that Putin's antics will be resolved in any way before the midterms is virtually nil and I am sure he knows that. If anyone thinks the situation Putin created is not good for the Republicans politically, I would submit they are wrong. I can only hope that I am the one who is wrong.

Vincent Curcuru, Simsbury

### Antibody tests more efficient than boosters

So there are tons of articles and commercials and scare tactics being deployed to get people to take the vaccine and the boosters, but there are very limited articles about how the vaccine does not protect you from the virus —it just reduces the symptoms if you get sick. So, if the initial vaccine doesn't protect you, how will the boosters, and how many more will there be in the future?

If you already have natural immunity, why would you even consider getting the vaccine? And the way to test your immunity is to get a COVID antibody test, which is widely available. The test costs about \$75 and it's a blood test. If you have a high immunity level in your system, you should be confident that your body is fighting the way it should. Blood never lies. The more you are exposed to germs, the better your natural immunity fights them. Science doesn't lie; people

Pat Schmidt, East Hampton

#### Tip of the hat to UConn Health in Farmington

A week ago I was admitted to the emergency room at UConn Health in Farmington. I was seen immediately. The area was calm and peaceful and my ER room was cheerful. My condition was constantly monitored by medical professionals and I felt safe. I am eternally grateful for the excellent care provided by UConn medical personnel and the exceptional ER department.

Devora Epstein, West Hartford

OP-ED

### State needs meds program for inmate opioid users

By Harrison Martin

Over 60% of people incarcerated have a substance use disorder. While incarcerated, they develop a reduced drug tolerance that makes them 129 times more likely than an average person to die from an accidental overdose in the two weeks following their release. Most drug overdose deaths in the U.S. today involve synthetic opioids, particularly fentanyl. Connecticut follows this same pattern; in 2020, over 90%of drug overdose deaths involved opioids and 85% involved fentanyl specifically.

Fortunately, there is a solution. Medications for opioid use disorder (MOUD) are the standard of care for individuals with opioid use disorder. There are currently three FDA-approved forms of MOUD: methadone, buprenorphine (Suboxone), and naltrexone (Vivitrol). People who receive behavioral interventions alone are more likely to relapse than those on long-term MOUD treatment. Researchers have also demonstrated that methadone

and buprenorphine can reduce mortality by up to 50% among those with opioid use disorder. Additional benefits of MOUD for those formerly incarcerated include reduced criminal activity and recidivism.

Despite these benefits, only about 12% of correctional facilities in the U.S. offer MOUD. This small percentage results from stigma surrounding opioid use disorder and MOUD as well as lack of funding, among other reasons. Many of these facilities continue methadone and buprenorphine prescriptions only for pregnant women to prevent withdrawal symptoms that might may harm the fetus, and offer naltrexone to other incarcerated people upon release. Since methadone and buprenorphine are opioid agonists, many view them as substituting one drug for another though, when dosage is regulated, they do not produce the same euphoric effects as other opioids. Naltrexone isn't as stigmatized because it's not an opioid agonist and is therefore often the preferred

treatment method in correctional facilities despite limited research

on its effectiveness. Statewide, correctional departments should aim to offer all three forms of medication to all individuals at any point in the treatment continuum. This means not only continuing the prescriptions of those on MOUD in the community but also screening for opioid use disorder upon intake and initiating treatment if necessary. Facilities should also refer patients to community providers upon release to prevent gaps in treatment, which can last for months or years depending on an individual's needs. In 2016, Rhode Island became the first state to fulfill these objectives when it implemented a comprehensive MOUD program, which resulted in an astounding 61% reduction in drug overdose deaths post-release.

Connecticut, therefore, must look only to its neighbor for an excellent model of a statewide correctional MOUD program. Currently, eight out of its eleven adult correctional facilities have MOUD programs in place with the end goal of offering all three medications to those in need. However, the treatment gap remains significant. The three correctional institutions without MOUD programs (Brooklyn, Cheshire, and Garner) together house over 20% of the state's incarcerated population. This means a significant number of people incarcerated in Connecticut struggling with opioid use disorder are not receiving treatment. Frankly, this is unacceptable.

Connecticut must implement a statewide correctional MOUD program immediately. In 2020, a record-breaking 1,374 people died from accidental drug overdoses in Connecticut (93% of which involved opioids), a 14.3% increase from 2019 fueled by effects of the COVID-19 pandemic such as social isolation and economic instability. With no end to the pandemic in sight, the time to act is now.

This isn't to say that implementation won't come with challenges. Connecticut in particular faces a shortage of medical

staff working in corrections; in 2019, there was one nurse per 43 people incarcerated. Due to fears of diversion, nurses must be vigilant when supervising people incarcerated as they take their medication. Thus, staffing shortages present a legitimate challenge to expansion.

Investment in medical staff, however, is worth it. Researchers have shown that MOUD reduces recidivism and, in Connecticut, where the average cost per incarcerated person is \$62,159, implementing a statewide MOUD program might actually save the state money in the long run. This is the reasoning from an economic standpoint. The true value of correctional MOUD programs is that they save lives, period. It's far past time we stop villainizing individuals with opioid use disorder and start caring. Opioid use disorder is a chronic illness, not a moral failure.

Harrison Martin is a fourth-year undergraduate student at Wesleyan University

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SUMMARY OF BUDGETS

GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND TRANSFERS \$165,519,073 Licenses/Permits \$1,369,645 \$7,404,715 Intergovernmental Charges for services \$1,573,403 \$1,180,726 \$177,922,562

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES General Government Community Development \$2,508,734 Administrative Services Public Safety \$16.566.846 \$7,545,639 Physical Services Sanitation Human Services TOWN TOTAL \$47,227,695

\$177,922,562 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Sewer Sinking Fund \$305,000

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS Sewer Operating Fund

Police Private Duty Fund \$497.847 \$330,520

Bulky Waste Closure Fund

The above information, and proposed budget summaries will be available on the Town web-

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written and oral comments and ask questions regarding the entire budget.

Use of Fund Balance TOTAL REVENUES/TRANSFERS

DEBT SERVICE & TRANSFERS \$13,457,486

TOTAL EDUCATION TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES Capital Reserve Fund \$8,119,100

\$3.298.217

OTHER REVENUE FUNDS (SUBJECT TO FLUCTUATION, NOT LEGALLY ADOPTED)

Dated at Glastonbury, Connecticut this 20th day of January, 2022

### **Connecticut** Pursuant to Section 19a-638 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Physicians, PC will submit the Glowing Certificate of Need Application: Applicant: Starling Physicians, PC Address: 1260 Silas Deane Hwy, Wetbeerfield FC 16410

Legal Notice Town of Wethersfield Planning and Zoning Commiss Virtual Meeting Via Zoom

Wethersfield Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a virtual public hearing on Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Because of Covid-19 concerns, this will be by virtual and/or phone conferencing, Please check the Town of Wethersfield website for the live stream link prior to the meeting, to hear and be heard on the following applications:

3005-21-Z Lucas Kyriakos seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 5.2 (Permitted Uses) of the Wethersfield Zoning Regulations for Outdoor Music/ Entertainment to amend Application No.'s 1700-10-Z, 1723-10-Z, 1857-15-Z & 1896-16-Z at 222 Main Street.

3009-21-Z Brian Couzens seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 3.6.B.2 (Garages) of the Wethersfield Zoning Regulations to construct a garage larger than permitted at 334 Wolcott Hill Road.

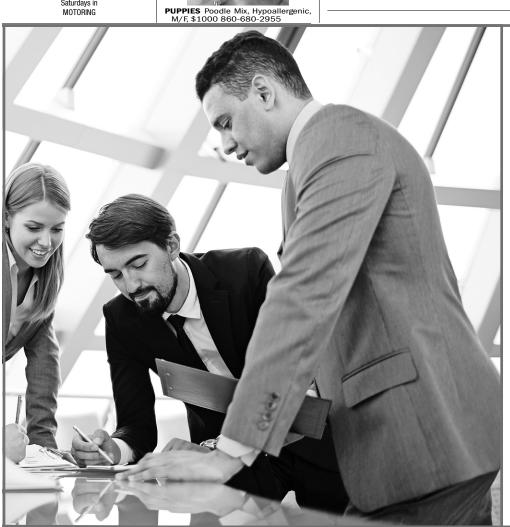
3010-21-Z David Azulay seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 5.2 (Permitted Uses) of the Wethersfield Zoning Regulations to modify Application No. 2065-20-Z at 1199 Silas Deane Highway.

Planning and Zoning Commission Denise Bradley Duly Authorized Dated at Wethersfield, Connecticut, this 20th

1/22/2022 7132892

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Donald S Taylor Meriden Kimberly G. Roberts Middletown **Donald Blanc** 

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**Gail Bigoness** 

Melanie Forand

Gerald Pagano

Vernon

Waterbury

Denotes name listing only. Please note: not all death notices are in alphabetical order.

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Forand, Melanie



Melanie Ann (Borgo) Forand, wife of the late Richard Paul Forand, passed peacefully on Forand, passed peacefully on January 18, 2022. Born October 10, 1939, Melanie lived much of her long life in Berlin, CT. She spent her youth in East Berlin surrounded by family and friends in "the Grove" and later moved to Berlin. She attended Berlin schools and enjoyed.

participating in school activities and making life-long friends. She cherished being able to keep in touch with her classmates all through her life. Melanie spent many wonderful summers at Lake Pocotopaug in her youth and had fond memories of friends at the Lake and the summer talent shows. Melanie attended the Toochers summer talent shows. Melanie attended the Teachers College of Connecticut, now CCSU and received a degree in Business/Secretarial Science. She loved being a Secretary for Otis Elevator and later for Aetna. In her retirement years she worked for Ames, Caldor and lastly Walmart. She was recognized by customers anywhere she went who thanked her for being such a pleasant, dedicated worker. Melanie's most cherished roles were as a wife, mother and later a grandmother. She and her husband enjoyed day-tripping to the shore and sightseeing, always wanting to keep close to home. She attended every concert, sports event and Scout ceremony for her children and grandchildren. Her great joys weré reading, writing and singing. She was a long-time member of Sacred Heart Choir and missed singing in the Choir as her health declined. If you ever sent her a card or letter she kept it, amassing quite a collection as she never wanted to discard a memento from a friend or relative.

Melanie is survived by her brother Peter Borgo of Montrose, Co, sister-in-law Diane Reynolds of Hobe Sound, FL, her son Michael P Forand of South Windsor CT, her daughter and son-in-law, Suzanne and Stuart Topliff and grandsons Jacob and Justin of Berlin CT as well as extended family and dear friends.

Calling hours are Sunday, January 23 from 5-7 p.m. at Berlin Memorial Funeral Home 96 Main St. in Kensington, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, January 24th at 10am at Sacred Heart Church in East Berlin, CT with burial to follow at St. Mary's cemetery in New Britain, CT. Donations are welcomed in her memory to The American Heart Association or a charity of your choosing.

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#### Paskov, Matthew



Matthew Joseph Paskov (Mike), 94, passed away on Monday, January 17, at John Dempsey Hospital due to Covid complications. He was born in Hartford to Mate and Mary Paskov. He attended Hartford schools and graduated from Bulkeley High School in 1945. He joined the United States Navy and served on the U.S.S Pocono. He graduated from the Hartford School of Architecture and Design and began his career with the Architecture Covid complications. He was

and began his career with the Architecture Office of Thomas Whaple who was his instructor and mentor. Subsequently he moved to the Architecture office of Huntining and

Mike married his high school sweetheart, Gladys Tomalonis, and shared 71 years of a loving relationship together. They raised three children; Michelle Avery,

Tomalonis, and shared 71 years of a loving relationship together. They raised three children; Michelle Avery, Jeanine Flaminio, and Matthew John Paskov. He moved to Farmington and designed and built his "dream" home in which he lived until he died.

Mike worked as a building official for Farmington for 31 years. He was proud of Farmington and thankful to serve in its needs. He always worked for what was best for the town. In addition to his duties as inspector he designed and supervised construction of many auxiliary buildings for Farmington, most notable the addition to the Farmington Fire Station on Main Street and the gazebo on Clover Pinney Park in Unionville. Mike was truly a family man. His family was his greatest love. He was a devoted son, a fabulous husband, and a wonderful father. He always thought of his family with loving care and affection. Mike was also proud of the home he built. He spent all his free time on the maintenance and upkeep of the premises, never complaining!! Mike enjoyed watching sports, particularly the Celtics, the Red Sox, and Golfing! He was a member of the Unionville Golf League and enjoyed the game. Summers were spent at the beach swimming and fishing. He planted a garden every year and spent hours caring for his garden and lawn. He enjoyed working with summers were spent at the beach swimming and fishing. He planted a garden every year and spent hours caring for his garden and lawn. He enjoyed working with Gladys planning dinner and parties, shopping, cooking, "pot wallaping" and entertaining. We treasured him and everyone who knew him called him "a keeper". Mike is survived by his wife and children and their spouses, his grandchildren Ashley, Emily, Matthew and Corin Paskov, and Taylor Flaminio, and his sister laura Pickett, his sister-in-law Marion Paskov. He

Laura Pickett, his sister-in-law Marion Paskov. He was predeceased by his brothers; Marijan (Irene), Leo (Ann), Kreso, his sister Mary Rolka (Leo). His nephews Michael Paskov, James Paskov and Niece Joan Palfrey. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Monday, January 24, at 10:00 am in The Church of St. Patrick Main St. Farmington, followed by burial with full Military Honors at Riverside Cemetery, Farmington.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made in Mikes name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place/ Memphis, TN 38105, The Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516, or to a charity of your choice. The Paskov family would like to thank the doctors and

staff of Dempsy Hospital I.C.U Unit for their loving care and exceptional service. Thank you! God Bless! Arrangements are being handled by the Ahern Funeral Homes Inc. To send online condolences please visit wwwAhernfuneralhome.com

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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Bigoness, Gail (Threlfall)



Gail Bigoness, age 70, passed away peacefully the morning of Sunday, January 16, 2022. Gail was born February 19, 1951 in Hartford, CT, and graduated from Glastonbury High class of 1969. Later, she set up a life in Tolland, CT with her husband, Stephen Bigoness. Steve was her childhood sweetheart, soul mate, and husband of 50 years. After being residents of Tolland, CT for over 48 years, Gail & Steve recently moved to Burlington, CT to be close to their daughter & family. Gail was employed by CL&P for 10 years and later worked at Rockville General Hospital as a volunteer & administrative professional for 13 years. Her favorite part about working at the hospital was being close to people, helping, and caring for them when they needed support. She felt delighted every time they walked away with a smile. She was a wife, a mother, a Gigi, a sister, and loving & caring friend to so many. She was an avid gardener, loved music, tennis, decorating, and a good laugh. She loved her friends in Niantic. The world did not make a better listener. She always wanted to get to know every person she met. Gail is survived by her husband & best friend, Stephen Bigoness, daughter and son-in-law Sarah & Daniel Telgarsky, her grandsons Jack & Logan Telgarsky, and her brother

Glen Threlfall. The Loper Family and The Fulton Family had a very special place in her heart. Each of them and their children were considered family to her, spending many vacations, holidays, and memories of a lifetime together. Her wish was not to have a service, rather to have each person in her life remember a moment of happiness they had together that made them smile. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society.

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#### **Blanc, Donald**



Donald Blanc, 91, of Cromwell passed away peacefully on Saturday January 15th, 2022, at Middlesex Memorial Hospital. He was born in Middletown on January 11th, 1931, to the late Paul Jr. and Helen (Grabowski) Blanc and was predeceased by a brother, Paul III. Donald followed in

his father's footsteps working for many years as a milkman for Borden's Dairy later working for Dattco as a bus driver, eventually retiring in 2001. Donald loved both his careers as both gave him the opportunity to travel to many different locations and meet new friends. Donald truly loved his family and especially cherished family gatherings. He loved watching the Yankees and could also be found rooting for the UConn men's and women's basketball teams. In his earlier retirement years, Donald could be found spending time at Misquamicut Beach, taking care of his home and visiting his son in Long Island. Donald is Survived by his four daughters Cindy Sclafani and her husband Anthony of Pine Grove CA, Deborah Tranmer and James of Middletown, Maria Pallein and Michael of Columbia, Rene Comtois of Clinton, a son Donald "Marty" Blanc Jr. and his loving partner Eva of Port St. Lucie Florida, six grandchildren Alison, Kaitlyn, James, Meadow, William and Alex and his ex-wife and close friend Jacqueline Myers. Donald is predeceased by his dear companion, Rose Flood as well as his good friend and neighbor, Michael Hurlburt. The family would like to thank his live-in caregiver Louisa for devoting her life to him for over two years. Donald loved Louisa, or "Babe" as he affectionately called her, like a daughter. Private services will be held at the family's convenience. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Donald's favorite charity; Horizons, P.O. Box 323, South Windham, CT 06266 or visit www.horizonsct.org. To share memories or express condolences online, please visit www.biega-

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#### Fitts, Howard E.



Howard, always known as Hap, died January 20, 2022, after a long illness. Son of the late Howard P. and Katharine Fitts, he was born in Newton MA and spent his life in Wellesley MA until he graduated from Trinity College. Hap was employed by the Travelers Corporation for over 50 years and retired as Second V.P. Hap moved to South Windsor with

his wife Suzanne and lived there for more than 60 He is predeceased by his brother Peter C. Fitts and sister Paula Fitts Scott. He leaves behind his wife of more than 60 years, Suzanne, his daughters Janet

of Newark, Delaware, Alison Bond (John) of South Windsor, grandchildren: Katharine Brown of Charlottesville VA., Elizabeth Brown of Boston Katharine MA, Sarah Bond of Vernon and Austin Bond of South Windsor.

Windsor.
While Hap enjoyed family life, his other passion was community service. He spent many evenings and weekends serving the community. He enjoyed the political process and was elected to the Town Council, serving as Mayor from 1967-1971. He joined the Emergency Medical Services Commission and the Personnel Board of Appeals. He went on to serve on the Public Building Commission from 1975 until 2019, serving as chairman for most of those years. During his tenure, the library, 2 firehouses, the community center, the Middle School and High School renovations as well as the police sta-2 firehouses, the community center, the Middle School and High School renovations as well as the police station were all built. He was also instrumental in the start of the community gardens in town. In recognition of his years in service, he received the Eugene Policelli Service Award in 2013.

Thank you to the staff of the Village at Buckland Court for their incredible care. All services are private. Memorial donations may be made to The South Windsor Volunteer Fire Department at 1175 Ellington Road South Windsor, Connecticut.

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#### Magoon, James



James (Jim) Magoon, 70, of Cromwell, CT passed away suddenly at home on January suddenly at home on January 16, 2022. He was born on June 26, 1951 to Russell L. and Lucy T. Magoon. He was raised along with his siblings in Cromwell and graduated from Cromwell High School in 1969. He graduated from Widener University in 1973 where he received his degree an his long and successful case.

in Engineering. He began his long and successful career with Westinghouse Electric in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He went on to pursue his career selling robotics and eventually founded his own company in

2011, Magoon Technology Group.
Jim was loving and compassionate, someone who always provided support to family and friends. He loved spending time outdoors and had a passion for golf, boating and fishing. He always looked forward to his annual fishing trip with his dad, and his love of nature was influenced by his mom. Jim was a passionate Boston Red Sox and Patriots fan, and loved the Travelers PGA golf tournaments, where you would find him taking pictures with pros. Jim also was a dedicated member of the First Congregational Church in Cromwell.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Pamela (Horsey) Magoon, his father Russell, his brother Paul (Sandi), and sister Linda Singer. He also leaves behind his nephew Steven Heidenis (Deb), three nieces, Tammy (Rob), Holly (Bill) and Valerie (Tim), great nephews, Thomson Heidenis, Nickolas Tefft, Joshua Tefft, Evan Presta and his great niece, Lauren Heidenis. He also leaves behind his sister-in-law Ellen (Dan) Reinhard and his nephew, Brian Palmisano. Jim was predeceased by his mother and his brother-in-law, Donald Singer. A service celebrating Jim's life will be held at a later

date. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jim's memory may be made to First Congregational Church, 355 Main Street, Cromwell, CT 06416. Cromwell Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. To share memories or send condolences to the family, please visit www.doolittle-

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#### Scaringe, Jr., Victor



It is with heavy heart that we announce the peaceful passing of Victor A. Scaringe, Jr on January 20th, 2022 surrounded by family. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Anita (Ouellette) Scaringe, and his children, Darlene Belanger Scaringe (Bruce), Stephen (Sarah Morelli), Denise (Robert Scaringe-Dietrich Dietrich), and Michael

Scaringe. Victor was blessed with two grandchildren, Robert Belanger and Christine Grabowiecki (Stephen) and Hailey Grabowiecki, as well as half a million "grand-bees." He was pre-deceased by his parents Victor Scaringe, Sr and Mary (Costa) Scaringe Croft; sister, Marie Scaringe Clark, and nephews, Kenneth and Scott Clark. Born November 6, 1935 in New Britain, CT, he loved music and at 7 years old he learned to play the accordion. Later he taught himself to play key boards. He founded the 3-piece all-occasion band, Sounds of Life, and played occasions throughout Connecticut for over 20 years. He later played with The Jerry Limmer Band and Top Shelf. He worked for Singer Business Machines and TRW as a field service technician until his retirement. In "retirement," he ran his own computer business building and servicing computers and also drove a school bus for more than 10 years He was a member of the Franco-American Club of Meriden and ran bingo for 10 years. He was a parishioner at Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish in Meriden before moving to Plantsville where he became a parishioner at Immaculate Conception Church and was active as a lector and member of the Men's Club. Vic enjoyed boating throughout his life, at Lake Pocotopaug to the Connecticut River, Long Island Sound, and Block Island. He enjoyed computers and playing cards. Vic thoroughly enjoyed visiting with family and friends, and he will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers, Mass cards are greatly appreciated. Calling hours will be held from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, January 23rd at Plantsville Funeral Home, 975 S. Main St, Plantsville. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, January 24th at Immaculate Conception Church, 130 Summer St, Southington. Burial will follow in St. Thomas Cemetery, Southington. Please gather directly at church. For on-line condolences and directions, please visit www. plantsvillefuneralhome.com.

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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Harrison, Richard M.



Richard M. Harrison, longtime resident of East Windsor, CT passed away in his sleep on January 18, 2022. He grew up in East Hartford, CT and graduated from East Hartford High School in 1954. He served in the U.S Army's 87th Infantry division after high school and used the GI Bill to

become an Engineering
Technician from the Ward
School of Electronics, the Technical Institute Division

of the University of Hartford in 1960.

Richard was active in the community, serving as a volunteer fire fighter, a member of the East Windsor Police Commission and on the East Windsor Parks and Recreation Committee. He coached the East Windsor Rams Midget Football Team in 1970s and was instrumental in securing the Army Core of Engineers to expand the athletic fields at the Water Street park in

expand the athletic fields at the water street park in Warehouse Point.

He worked as a TV Producer/Director for United Technologies' Pratt & Whitney Aircraft division for 33 years, producing training films for jet engine mechanics and pilots. He was an avid outdoorsman. He loved fishing, camping, riflery, and skiing. He was a skilled gardener and enjoyed making homemade wine and beer and tending to his fruit trees.

He is predeceased by his wife Jane; two sisters, Gloria Akerly and Norma Carlson; five brothers, Lenny, Al, Charlie, Ronnie and Cliff. He is survived by his three children, Laurie Roy and her husband Peter, Richard Harrison Jr., Michael Harrison and his wife Rina Mayman; his four grandchildren, Amy Corkum and her husband Allan, Richard Harrison III and his wife Jennifer, Matthew Harrison and his wife Jennifer, and Aidan Harrison; his two great grandchildren, Aubrey and Boden Corkum; He is also survived by his sister Rena Flowers, his two sister-in laws Delores Harrison and Julie Harrison as well as numerous nieces and nephews. nephews.

He will be missed by his family, friends and all that knew him.

Special thanks to Janet Taylor for doing so much for Richard and his family. Special thanks to Don Olundson for being such a good friend. Special thanks to Eric Roy

for being such a good friend. Special thanks to Eric Roy for arranging the military honors.

Relatives and friends may join the family on Sunday, January 23, 2022 between 1pm-4pm at the Bassinger & Dowd Funeral Home, 37 Gardner Street, East Windsor, CT. A Funeral Home Service will take place on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 9:30am. Burial will follow at St. Catherine Cemetery in East Windsor, CT. Due to Covid, the family requests masks during calling hours and the family requests masks during calling hours and indoor services. For online condolences please visit www.pietrasfuneralhome.com.

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#### Taylor, Donald S



Donald Schofield Taylor, also known as "Don", passed away on January 15, 2022 at the age of 88 years. He was the youngest of four children, born to the late Edith and Neil Taylor in Hartford, CT on August 27, 1933. His father died when Don was only six years old.

Don graduated from East

years old.
Don graduated from East
Hartford High School where
he learned his long lifetime love of football. He attended Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, CT and
then went on to Trinity College in Hartford, CT on a
football scholarship. He played fullback for four years,
and during the last two years of 1956-1957, his team
had undefeated seasons. He was very proud of this
accomplishment. He was also part of the U.S. Marine
Corps Reserve during his college years.
Throughout Don's life, he worked many iobs to support

Throughout Don's life, he worked many jobs to support his education and credits all of these various jobs with helping him earn a Bachelor of Arts in Business from Trinity College. He worked for Hoffmann Electric and So many of his funny stories happened in these life changing situations. All of the events in his life helped him to become the fighter he was when he needed it most at the end of his life. After graduating, Don got a job working as an industrial engineer at United Parcel Service, and in his 32 year career, he helped them open various field operation hubs until his retirement in 1991. Go UPS!

Don had a very affable, gentle, and loving personality. He would do just about anything for good friends. He was an excellent handyman and installed numerous ceiling fans for our friends. He honed his electrical skills because we moved to many different homes during his UPS career. He was always working on a fix it project around the house.

His favorite pastimes were golf and boating, and he was an avid Braves and Falcons fan, especially when they won the World Series in 2021. He also loved crossword puzzles, and sitting on his favorite deck in our home on Harrisville Pond in New Hampshire.

Don was a great husband and father. He taught his family about the value of hard work and honesty. Don was preceded in death by his oldest sister, Elinor (Ellie) Maynes, and older brother Merrill Taylor.

Don is survived by his wife of 61 years Priscilla Holton Taylor, his sister Lucille (Cele) Taylor Blasko, his sons Dr. Braden and Colleen Taylor of Birmingham, AL, Keith and Kimberly Taylor of Glastonbury, CT, and Curtis and Erin Taylor of Harrisville, NH. He had eight grandchildren: Daniel and Alexandra Taylor of Hoover, AL, Christina and Aaron Gray of Helena, AL, Philip Taylor of Macon, GA, Julia Taylor of Arlington, VA, Sara Taylor of Burlington, VT, Jessica Taylor of Glastonbury, CT, Holton Taylor of Orem, UT, and Marshall Taylor of Harrisville,

Don would always laugh and smile when he was around his grandchildren. Then came four great grandchil-dren, and more to smile about: Elsie and Mira Gray, and Emmanuel and Sasha Taylor.

In lieu of flowers, for those who wish to make a donation in Don's memory, please consider the following charities which were close to Don's heart: You can send a tax deductible donation to Rev. Brad

& Colleen Taylor's ministry with World Reach in 1 of 2

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Click on "Campaign" and choose "Taylor, Brad and Colleen" in honor of Don Taylor.

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Following the service, a reception/luncheon will be served in the fellowship hall at the church. Burial will follow at Green Lawn Cemetery and Mausoleum (family only) in Roswell, GA. Please post condolences and remembrances to the online obituary for Don at Roswell Funeral Home.

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#### Roberts, Kimberly G. (Naldi)



Kimberly (Naldi) Roberts passed peacefully surrounded by loved ones on January 14, 2022 at St. Francis
Hospital. Kimberly grew up in
Wethersfield and lived in
Newington. She graduated
from Asnuntuck Community
College as a LPN and Capital Community Technical College as a RN. Kimberly worked for over 25 years as a home

Kimberly found great joy in many places, but especially in caring for her patients and their families. She treated them like family and with compassion. Kimberly often would stay after giving care to continue a conversation while massaging and lotioning her patients' hands and feet. She was even known to sing to her patients, some more than others. Her children were her greatest joy in life. Their life together was filled with laughter and silly colling. Kimberly loud going out on John's heat Thou'd

more than others. Her children were her greatest joy in life. Their life together was filled with laughter and silly selfies. Kimberly loved going out on John's boat. They'd go out together and bring the kids. Whether tubing or fishing, a good time was had by all.

Kimberly is survived by her four beautiful children, Jillian Roberts of Rhode Island, Elias Roberts of Boston, Massachusetts, Ethan Roberts and Kara Roberts of Newington; her parents, Richard and JoAnn (McSweeney) Naldi of North Carolina; brothers and their spouses, Steven and Ray Naldi of Indiana and Jeff and Rebecca Naldi of Meriden; nephews and nieces, Jacob and Corinne of Meriden and Gavin and Ella of Indiana; Aunts, Mary McSweeney and Linda Harrison; Uncle Roger and wife Judie Naldi; father of her children, Jonas Roberts; longtime friends, Jenny Wasylkiw, Lori Saypalia, and Kathy Massei; and her loving, loyal friend, John Gullo of Meriden.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday, June 24, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 183 Church Street Newington, CT. A Celebration of her Life will follow the funeral Mass. In lieu of flowers, please perform a random act of kindness in memory of Kimberly.

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#### **Sunderland Jr., Frederick**



Frederick "Rick" W. Sunderland Jr., 76, longtime resident of Plainville, passed away on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. Rick was born on November 15, 1945 in New Britain, CT son to the late Frederick W. Sunderland Sr. and Gwendoline (Main) Sunderland. He grew up in Southington, attended up in Southington, attended local schools and graduated from Southington High School.

Rick relocated to Plainville in 1978 and established his forever home to raise his family in, creating many memories over the years. He took great pride in maintaining his home, especially the landscaping, as he spent many hours tirelessly keeping everything in order, most prominently his impeccable green grass. He enjoyed the races and watching NASCAR in the comfort of home. Rick was a mechanic by trade and watched for the Town of Plainillo for 20 years retiring worked for the Town of Plainville for 20 years retiring from the Parks and Recreation Department. He was a man who enjoyed the good times with a great sense of humor. He loved to laugh and make others laugh, always offering a sarcastic comment or joke to get a

Rick is survived by his son, Timmy Sunderland and his wife, Ann-Marie and their daughter, Kersten Sunderland, all of Portland. He also leaves behind his sister, Patricia "Pat" Johnson, of Darlington, PA. He was predeceased by his sister, Janet Miller.

Family and friends are welcome to gather on Monday, January 24 from 5 to 7 PM at the Plainville Funeral Home, 81 Broad Street, Plainville. A service in celebration of Rick's life will be held Tuesday, January 25 at 11 AM at the funeral home. Burial will be held privately in Oak Hill Cemetery, Southington. For more information or to leave online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PLAINVILLEFUNERALHOME.com.



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#### In Loving Memory Of TIMOTHY IAN LANFAIR



Today on the anniversary of your birthday we can only celebrate the Twenty-two years we had together.
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you gave to all who knew you.

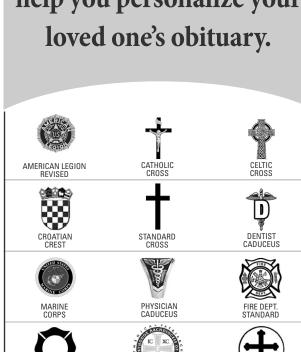
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### CONNECTICUT

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### Parole board shortens sentences of 11

Furthering consensus on brain development, each of the men have commuted sentences from crimes when they were 25 or younger

By Kelan Lyons

CT Mirror

Acknowledging an increased understanding in the science of brain development, the Board of Pardons and Paroles has commuted the sentences of 11 men who committed crimes when they were 25 or younger.

Every man was serving a sentence for murder, felony murder or attempted murder. Each has been incarcerated for their entire adult lives. Many have spent more time in prison than the age they were at the time of their crimes.

"I understand that it may come across as egotistical or hypocritical that I am asking for mercy after committing such a crime," said Moises Polanco, who was convicted of felony murder and is now 40 years old. "But to that I can only respond that I am not the same 18-year-old who committed those acts." Polanco received a commutation of nine years, 11 months and six days, making him eligible for review by the DOC for community supervision.

A law that took effect in 2015 retroac-

tively ended life without parole sentences for people who committed capital murder and arson when they were younger than age 18, but the board's commutations speak to an emerging consensus among the scientific and social justice communities that brain development continues until age 25.

Lawmakers tried to extend parole eligibility during the last legislative session through a bill that would have allowed parole review for those who committed a crime before they were 25. The measure failed, but the Board of Pardons and Paroles appears to be following the spirit of that bill in the latest round of commutations.

"I'm very proud to live in the state of Connecticut, where the Board of Pardons and Paroles recognizes the change in science and is bringing the forefront of science to our criminal justice system," Alex Taubes, an attorney who represented five of the men over the past three weeks, said to board members at one of the hearings.

The Board of Pardons and Paroles held

The Board of Pardons and Paroles held hearings for the 11 prisoners over the past three weeks. None of the men will walk out of prison immediately; many of the sentences were shortened just enough so that the Department of Correction could screen the men for supervised released and offer them resources in the community rather than just letting them go home with no support.

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#### **CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT**



Calling them "Incredibly intelligent and mature kids who know that this is the right thing to do. Not just to protect yourselves, but to protect your loved ones and those around you," Dr. Ulysses Wu talks with a group of area teens before they received a COVID-19 vaccine booster Jan. 6 at Hartford Hospital. MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT

# Weekly test positivity rate drops again to 16%

### Hartford HealthCare opens priority COVID-19 testing for first responders

**By Eliza Fawcett** Hartford Courant

In a continuation of recent trends, Connecticut's weekly COVID-19 test positivity rate and the number of hospitalizations due to the virus fell again Friday.

"We are well into our downslope of our rollercoaster," Dr. Ulysses Wu, chief epidemiologist at Hartford HealthCare, said of the state's COVID-19 metrics.

Connecticut's weekly test positivity rate now stands at 16%, the lowest it has been since late December and a one-third reduction from where it was just over a week ago. Hospitalizations also declined significantly Friday, dropping below 1,700 patients for the first time in two weeks.

"I'm happy the numbers are going down," Wu said. "We're all very tired, we're all weary. But we're certainly not letting up the fight."

Hartford HealthCare also announced on Friday priority no-appointment COVID-19 testing for first responders — including law enforcement officers, paramedics, EMTs and firefighters — at its eight COVID-19 testing sites, from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

"For those that are on the frontlines, our first responders, our dispatchers, our EMTs, paramedics, we need to make sure that we

are as much as possible, we're getting the testing to them," said Kevin Ferrarotti, Hartford HealthCare's senior director of EMS network development.

#### Cases and positivity rate

Connecticut reported on Friday 4,444 new COVID-19 cases out of 32,459 tests administered, for a daily positivity rate of 13.69%.

After averaging more than 10,000 COVID-19 cases per day in mid-January, Connecticut is now seeing half that volume of new cases. As of Friday, the state had averaged fewer than 5,000 new cases per day over the past week.

All eight Connecticut counties are still recording "high" levels of COVID-19 transmission as defined by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. With this level of transmission, the CDC advises people to wear a mask in public indoor settings.

#### Hospitalizations

As of Thursday, Connecticut reported 1,695 people hospitalized with COVID-19, a decrease of 38 people since Thursday and the lowest hospitalizations have been since Jan. 5.

Hospital officials say some of patients hospitalized with COVID-19 were admitted for reasons other than the virus before testing positive upon arrival, but emphasize that a majority have significant COVID-19

symptoms.

According to the state, 56.9% of people hospitalized with COVID-19 are not fully vaccinated. Hospital officials say the rate is significantly higher when considering only patients with severe symptoms.

#### Deaths

Connecticut reports weekly COVID-19 deaths once a week. The state reported 241 additional COVID-19 deaths on Thursday, bringing its total during the pandemic to

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### Norwalk elections official faces murder charge

Police say woman fatally shot neighbor amid disturbance

By Christine Dempsey Hartford Courant

A Norwalk city official faces a murder charge after she fatally shot her neighbor Thursday, police said.

Ellen Wink, 61, of 18 Nelson Ave., was arrested at the scene and remained in custody early Friday on \$1 million bail, they said. She was expected to be arraigned in Superior Court in Stanford later in the day.

Superior Court in Stamford later in the day.
Police identified the victim as Kurt
Lametta, 54, of 16 Nelson Ave. — the house
where the homicide took place, which is

owned by Wink.
Wink is a familiar face in city hall, where she is a deputy registrar of voters. She is

active politically as well and has run for state representative.

According to police, officers were called to Lametta's home about 11:50 a.m. for a disturbance that involved him and Wink. When police arrived, they found that Lametta had been shot multiple times. He was pronounced dead at the scene by medics.

"Patrol division officers located Wink at the scene and immediately detained her," Lt. Terrence Blake said. "Norwalk detectives immediately began their investigation, which ultimately led to Wink's arrest."

She was arrested about 1 p.m. The circumstances of the deadly shooting weren't clear Friday.

Wink's job title with the city is listed as "Election Administrator, Republican Deputy Registrar." She also is a justice of the page.

In addition to running elections, her political endorsements have cited her experience in redevelopment, business and with city youth and the elderly. She has been called pro-police.

This isn't her first arrest.

Norwalk Sgt. Sofia Gulino said Wink was arrested Sept. 18 after she threw out a tenant's personal items and locked him out of his home. The man told police Wink was

tenant's personal items and locked him out of his home. The man told police Wink was upset that he was nearly a month behind on rent.

Wink was charged with first-degree

Wink was charged with first-degree criminal mischief; fourth-degree larceny and criminal lockout, she said.

State judicial records show a 2021 arrest, but the case has been sealed. It is scheduled to be resolved in Superior Court in Norwalk April 22.

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#### State's response to testing demand upsets town leaders

**By Dave Altimari and Andrew Brown** CT Mirror

On Jan. 3, four hours before South Windsor was to begin distributing its limited supply of at-home COVID-19 test kits, police notified Town Manager Michael Maniscalco that cars were already lining up outside Rye Park.

Maniscalco wondered how the state ended up in such a precarious position.

Hourslong waits for COVID-19 tests had become common as people flooded the state's scattered testing sites — many waiting in vain, anger building. At a testing site in Bristol, someone threatened to pull a gun.

"We are almost two years into this pandemic, and you would have thought we'd have figured it out by now," Maniscalco said. "They should have known, with winter coming, that cases would rise again and be better prepared. Omicron has just made it much worse."

much worse."
While Maniscalco has publicly criticized the state's recent response to the omicron surge, other town officials in Connecticut have chosen to voice their anger and displeasure on private calls between Gov. Ned Lamont's team and local officials, sources

Many are asking how state officials — who trumpeted how quickly they were able to set up COVID-19 testing back in 2020 — seemed so unprepared and surprised at the surge of testing demand that was needed between Thanksgiving and the early weeks of 2022.

Lamont said Wednesday he hoped the omicron variant would be the last big surge of the virus in Connecticut, but he agreed that the state should maintain significant testing capacity in case another wave comes.

"It behooves us to keep these tests available," Lamont said. "We want to be able to respond quickly if there is another flare-up."

Lamont also acknowledged that having testing available at hospitals or through primary care providers is not the same as free, community-based testing opportunities, especially when the spread of the virus is so rapid and widespread.

"So can we do better? Absolutely," Lamont said. "But that's been the effort from the very beginning, to make sure that nobody is left behind. If somebody is left behind when it comes to vaccination or tests, that is bad for you, and that's bad for the community."

Health providers acknowledged that the speed at which omicron spread through Connecticut and the rest of the country was overwhelming, but they said the state should not have been caught flat-footed by the sudden demand for testing.

Ken Lalime, the CEO of the Community Health Center Association of Connecticut, recognized that planning for a once-in-acentury pandemic is difficult to do. Running complicated logistics networks in any industry is hard, he said. But there is even more pressure to get it right when it comes to health care, he said.

"It's tough to manage for a spike, to such a large testing need," said Lalime, whose group represents the 16 federally qualified health centers in the state. "But that's the job of the Department of Health — to make sure that their patients in the state, that their citizens, are cared for."

#### Not enough providers

The long lines for testing in December can be traced back to last summer, when many of the state's contracts with testing providers expired.

At one point, the state had testing contracts with 11 groups, ranging from the state's two largest hospital chains, Yale New Haven and Hartford HealthCare, to several laboratories across the state. But those contracts—signed in the spring of 2020 when testing was ramped up—expired at the end of June 2021, according to state records.

By that time, the state had decided to cut back on testing and focus resources on mass vaccination clinics. Hospitals transformed mass testing sites into mass vaccination

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#### CORRECTION

#### **Crossword Puzzle**

Due to a production error, Friday's crossword puzzle appeared incorrectly. The correct puzzle appears in today's paper on Page 4 of the Connecticut section.

#### Virus

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The United States has now recorded 860,386 COVID-19 deaths, according to the Coronavirus Resource Center at Johns Hopkins University.

#### **Vaccinations**

As of Friday, 91.7% of all Connecticut residents and 95% of those 12 and older had received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose, while 76% of all residents and 84.5% of those 12 and older were fully vaccinated, according to the CDC. Additionally, about 49.1% of fully vaccinated Connecticut residents 18 or older have received a booster dose.

The CDC warns that booster shots are sometimes misclassified as first doses, likely inflating the reported number of first-dose coverage and understating the true number of people who have received boosters.

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#### Murder

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Gulino would not release the name of the man who complained to police about Wink, nor would she say if the man who died is the same

Lametta was described on Facebook as "super nice" and a "simple good guy" with the "biggest heart."

Christine Dempsey can be reached at cdempsey@courant.com.

#### **Parole**

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"Someone who's been incarcerated this long, I think, needs a set of eyes on his life and a safety net underneath them," Chairperson Carleton Giles said during one of the hearings, words he would repeat in just about every person's case. "We are not able to provide that, except by if we do something with this sentence this morning, and in partnership with DOC, they will have the authority to provide the supervision that I am wanting that I can't provide."

Board members have commuted a dozen sentences since revamping its program and accepting new applications in June 2021. They commuted Michael Cox's sentence in November, shaving 30 years off the 75-year sentence of a profoundly sick man who participated in extensive rehabilitative programming in the three decades he spent behind bars. Cox was the first commutation the board had granted in two years.

Some who received a commutation for a crime committed when they were under age 18 had their sentences reduced so they could have a parole hearing in the near future. If they are granted that form of release in a separate, future hearing, they would be under parole supervision for the remainder of their sentence.

All the men whose sentences were shortened participated in rehabilitative programming over their decades in prison. They took college courses, earned GEDs and mentored incarcerated youth.

Many talked about their lives before prison. They described traumatic childhoods in impoverished communities where the lure of gangs and drugs was stronger than positive influences.

"I done lost myself in the street web, and became trapped," said Oscar Melendez, who is now 23 years into a 31-year sentence for a murder he committed at 19. "I turned into this young adolescent who was alive but never truly lived."
The board reduced Mele

The board reduced Melendez's sentence by six years so he will be eligible for review for community supervision in 2024.

Moises Polanco, seconds after learning his sentence would be commuted by nine years, 11 months and six days "I'm just so overwhelmed," he said, rocking back and forth in excitement. "I really do appreciate you guys for letting me go home."

During their hearings, board members asked the men how they would serve youth from similar backgrounds once they were out of prison.

"There's a lot of gun violence out here right now and the experience that you have is important to put an end to that," Mike Pohl, a board member, told Ernest Francis after he said he planned on working with the New Britain Racial Justice Coalition once he is released. Francis, who is serving a 50-year sentence for felony murder, was 18 at the time he committed his crime. He has been incarcerated for 31 years. His sentence was shortened by three years, one month and a day.

Others offered their thoughts on why young people join gangs, recounting the path they took that led to tragedy that irrevocably changed their and others' lives

"They looking for love in the wrong places — can't find it at home, so you run in the streets," said Pedro Carrasquillo, explaining how, once he's released, he plans on speaking with young people who grew up like he did so he can help them choose a different path. Carrasquillo, serving a 35-year sentence for felony murder, was 15 at the time of his crime in New Haven. The board commuted his sentence by five

Several men talked about how they were in recovery from drug and alcohol addictions, taking their rehabilitation one day at a time and trying to live a life in service to others. They discussed how their recovery allowed them to see their shared humanity with corrections officers, whom they could not have imagined having a relationship with when they

went to prison.

Juan Maldonado, whose sentence was shortened by 13 years and 10 months, said his program of recovery has helped him understand that it is OK to disagree with someone, that he doesn't have to live a life of rage and resentment because another person holds a different opinion than him. He said that his recovery has given him priceless gifts that he wants to pass on to others dealing with the same issues.

"What I've been doing is try to better myself, and to help those that are in the same or similar circumstance," said Maldonado, who was 25 when he was sentenced to 55 years for felony murder.

Family members of the deceased victims were given an opportunity to speak during each applicant's hearing. Many expressed disappointment that their loved one's killer might be released because it represented a sort of broken promise that they'd been given at their sentencing hearing decades prior. Others talked about the sleepless nights, grief's unending, borderless pain, and how hard it is to look at their grandchildren because it reminds them of the person they lost.

"I forgave him on that day he took my son's life, but I still want him to pay for what he did to my son," a woman identified as Ms. Johnson, the mother of Chauncey Robinson, whom Carrasquillo killed in 2003, told the board. "Eighteen-and-a-half years is not enough time for me."

Many asked why the incarcerated person should be allowed to spend time with their family after robbing their victim of time with their loved ones.

"My son is left without a father," said an unnamed woman who had a child with Edgar Sanchez, who was murdered by Victor Smalls in 2007. "I agree everyone deserves a second chance. But my son doesn't get a second chance to see his father."

The board shaved 20 years off Smalls' 45-year sentence, making him eligible for a parole hearing in a year.

Not all of the victims' rela-

tives opposed commutation. The wife of Gregory Boykins said she forgave her husband's killer, Benito Lugo, a long time ago, though it pains her Boykins, who was born in Hartford and later moved, will never hug his children or grandchildren. She said she respects that Lugo has mentored young people in prison for the past two and a half decades because she believes people commit crimes when they don't have guidance and support.

Lugo, who was 19 when he was first incarcerated in 1995, is serving a 40-year sentence for felony murder. He received a 12-year commutation.

"As much as I want to say I want you to stay in for the 40 years, if you truly feel that you can help, and this board feels that what is offered would better these young adults who are on the wrong path," she said, pausing to catch her breath, "I would have to say a second chance is deserving."

The other men whose sentences were commuted are:
■ Peter Gonda, who is serving a 40-year sentence for felony murder. He was 24 at the time of his crime. He has been imprisoned since 1996. He received a commutation of 12 years and nine months so he could be screened for community supervision.

■ Demetrius Miller, who is serving a 40-year sentence for felony murder. He was 21 years old at the time of his crime. He is now 48. The board reduced his sentence by a decade. He will eligible for release to community supervision in 2024.

■ Willie Myers, who was 21 years old when he committed felony murder. He is now age 48, 26 years into his 30-year sentence. The board shortened his sentence by one year, five months and 30 days. ■ Carlos Rebollo, who was 15 years old when he committed first-degree arson and attempted murder. He has been in prison since 1998. His sentence was shortened by five years. He will be eligible next year for a juvenile parole hearing, which would allow him to be released from prison and put on community supervision until 2036.

#### **Testing**

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clinics or just closed them. Jabs replaced swabs as the key metric state officials followed and publicized.

In July 2021, the state signed only four new testing contracts, with Sema4 being the largest contractor, in charge of 15 of the 23 state-sponsored testing sites that would remain open.

The other contractors were Wren Laboratories, a small Meriden-based company that had developed a saliva test; Genesys Diagnostics, another smaller lab based in Montville; and Quest Diagnostics, whose experience was more tailored to processing tests than collecting them.

None of the new contractors, except Sema4, had much experience operating testing sites. Absent were many of the hospitals and the community health centers that had done the bulk of the COVID-19 testing earlier in the pandemic.

"When the state went out for its procurement of a network of providers, I don't know that they got enough providers," said Lalime, who has advocated for the state to increase its testing capacity. "It may have been enough for the middle of the summer. Obviously, it was not enough to handle the surge that is out there right now."

#### The surge

The numbers for just the state testing sites show that when they came on line in August, they were doing only about 1,200-1,700 tests weekly from all 23 sites combined.

Those numbers started to increase as the state and many private employers set parameters for people to return to work. Many who were not vaccinated needed to provide a weekly negative PCR test result to their employer.

The mandate created a whole new category of people who needed to be tested, regardless of whether they felt they had COVID-19 or had been exposed to someone who had the virus.

From the middle of September through the week before Thanksgiving, the state-run sites averaged about 7,800 tests a week, according to DPH data.

But from there, the numbers

started to climb, jumping up to more than 13,000 during the Thanksgiving holiday week and climbing to nearly 30,000 just before Christmas, as omicron arrived.

During the late fall, some health directors noticed residents in their towns and districts were seeking more testing.



People react as they wait outside their vehicles to be tested at the state COVID-19 testing site in Bristol on Dec. 28. **JESSICA HILL/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT** 

There are many other places where people can get tested in addition the state-run sites, including urgent cares, pharmacies or federally qualified health centers. Most tests are done by appointment only, or health insurance was required, unlike at the state-run drive-thru sites.

In the Ledge Light Health District, which covers the southeast corner of the state, Health Director Stephen Mansfield made separate deals with Sema4 to run two testing sites in Groton and New London.

Mansfield said the most recent surge in COVID-19 cases was one of the most difficult times in the pandemic for people to find test-

At a drive-thru COVID-19 testing site at Stonington Human Services on Jan. 13, 400 test kits were available, and only about 200 were used that day.

During earlier spikes, Mansfield said, the community-based testing sites in his area were limited by the number of hours the testing staff could work and the number of samples they could take in a given day.

But this time around, he said, the testing sites were limited by the number of samples the laboratories could process.

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Some days, the testing sites in the New London area were told they could test 300 people. Other days, it was capped at 250, Mansfield said. It was dependent on

what Sema4 could handle in its lab.

At the height of the omicron wave, that meant Mansfield and his team were often turning people away.

"Generally, we reached capacity before we even opened up the line," he said. "And the last thing we wanted was residents sitting in line for a couple of hours and being told a test is not available to them."

The state hasn't picked up Ledge Light's testing sites, and with Sema4 shutting down testing soon, he isn't sure the two sites will remain open much longer.

### Expanding testing options in some places

Vernon officials also restarted their testing program in the fall, on Sundays and Tuesday afternoons. They made a separate deal with Sema4 because, Town Administrator Michael Purcaro said, "They realized there was a high demand for testing, and people were having a hard time finding it."

The site has been so successful that the state has taken over running the site and is increasing the number of days it will be open.

On Tuesday, Lt. Gov. Susan Bysiewicz, Department of Public Health Deputy Commissioner Heather Aaron and Jackson Laboratories President Charles Lee held a press conference to announce the Vernon site would be expanded to five days a week and would be operated by Griffin Hospital and Jackson Laboratories.

Bysiewicz said with COVID-19 positivity rates coming down but still high, "We need to keep ourselves and our community safe. We can do that by getting tested, and the town of Vernon and the state of Connecticut have made it easy for people in this area to just come on in and get tested."

The Vernon site is one of at least six new testing sites that the state is setting up by the end of the month, even as the post-holiday demand starts to taper off.

Besides Vernon, there will be new state-run test sites in Darien, New Haven, Old Saybrook, Putnam and Waterbury. The state also will be expanding the sites' operations to 40 hours a week.

The state hasn't said which company will be replacing Sema4, which has told state officials it will no longer do testing as of Jan. 31. Sema4 is operating 15 of the state's 23 sites. Aaron said that DPH has a contract with Jackson Labs to take over at least some of Sema4's testing duties. The state is searching for partners for Jackson Laboratories that would collect the samples at the sites, as Griffin will be doing in Vernon.

North Central Health District Director Patricia Sulik said the expansion of the testing at the Vernon site is needed for the entire area. tion. People want to be tested, and then we found there weren't enough testing resources," Sulik said. "Everyone working together has brought together this new site today."

DPH officials also have reached out to several hospitals and to

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DPH officials also have reached out to several hospitals and to federally qualified health centers that did testing in 2020 to see if they could add more testing now. Hartford HealthCare is opening up to five new sites where they have hospitals, including Torrington, Meriden and Norwich, that will offer an additional 150 tests or so a day by appointment only.

### 'Not something you do overnight'

Recently, the demands for testing at one of the four testing sites in the Ledge Light Health District finally started to show some signs of slowing.

The testing site was allotted 400 tests on Jan. 14, but only 100 or so people were lined up in cars at the start of the event. Even so, Mansfield expected that the demand for testing was likely still outpacing the supply, especially at free

community-based sites.
"There is still a dearth of testing in Connecticut," Mansfield said.

If Connecticut is going to continue to have standby testing available to handle future surges, Mansfield said, the state will likely need to set up more permanent sites to deal with those demands.

Lalime said it will be important to either maintain the testing sites or have an expansion plan ready to go more quickly than this time to avoid the testing hysteria when the next variant surfaces. Community health centers, emergency rooms and primary care practices can't serve as a backup for testing when cases surge, Lalime said.

"I don't think they're backing away from the fact that it's their responsibility," Lalime said. "I think right now they are trying a lot of different mechanisms to try and build up capacity. It's just not something you do overnight."

Aaron said it takes the state "seven to eight days working with the different testing sites to get everything set up and running."

"Our plan is to continue to expand and to hold the sites even if this thing starts slowing down," Aaron said. "If it slows down, then we will slow down a bit, too, cut hours if necessary, but we will continue to build and keep open sites as long as possible wherever they are needed."

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#### CONNECTICUT

### State coffers hit record levels despite vanishing COVID relief

By Keith M. Phaneuf CT Mirror

Despite Connecticut families losing hundreds of millions of dollars in federal COVID aid since September, state government's revenues have swelled to record levels, according to a report released Tuesdav.

Increasing income, sales and corporation tax receipts have state finances finishing more than \$2.2 billion in the black this fiscal year — a whopping cushion approaching 10% of the entire budget.

That growth also has effectively wiped out any projected shortfall after the next gubernatorial election, when state government also will be weaned off federal pandemic relief.

The consensus projections from budget analysts for the Executive and Legislative branches give Gov. Ned Lamont and incumbent legislators great flexibility to cut taxes as they campaign for re-election, but it's also sparking increased calls for more services for some hit hardest by the pandemic.

#### Finance chairman: Wall Street has fared better than Main Street

'I do think that the topic of conversation this session should be: What is the most effective way to help middle and working class families as we deal with year three of COVID," said Rep. Sean Scanlon, D-Guilford, who co-chairs the legislature's

Finance Committee and is exploring a campaign for state comptroller. "The economy by many metrics is doing well ... but we have an economy right now that is working more for Wall Street than for Main Street."

 $The \, latest \, report \, bears \, out \,$ 

Scanlon's point. Analysts project state taxes alone will generate nearly \$18.5 billion this fiscal year. That's \$600 million more than Lamont and legislators were counting on when they adopted a new state budget last spring, and a big reason along with surging federal grants and frugal spending during the pandemic - that the General Fund will spend \$1.3 billion less than it takes

in this year. The rest of the \$2.2 billion surplus involves a special savings program created in 2017 that limits how much income tax revenue tied to investment earnings a source that fluctuates greatly - can go into the General Fund.

This "volatility adjustment," which accounts for the rest of this year's surplus, has been the most robust revenue engine for the state since 2019 — and has grown considerably even since the coronavirus first struck Connecticut in March 2020.

And the good news continues in the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, when analysts forecast another \$1.9 billion surplus — nearly \$1.2 billion in the traditional budget combined with more than \$700 million in excess income tax receipts from investment earnings.

But while the state's coffers are overflowing, many households have lost ground.

Federal unemployment benefits, which added \$300 per week on top of state jobless benefits to hundreds of thousands of households. expired in early September. State labor officials said this federal aid was worth more than \$70 million per week, and close to \$300 million per month, to Connecticut ĥouseholds last summer.

An expansion of the federal income tax's child tax credit, which added \$1,000 to \$1,600 per child for thousands of Connecticut families, ended in December.

Scanlon is one of several officials who already have proposed state tax cuts in the coming year to help low- and middle-income households.

The Guilford lawmaker wants a \$600-per-child credit within the state income tax for households making \$200,000 per year or less. To ensure poor households - which often owe little or no state income taxes - still could benefit, Scanlon also proposed making 70% of the credit refundable.

Lamont has said he will propose expanding the property tax credit, another income tax provision aimed at working class families.

GOP lawmaker: CT must keep using surpluses to reduce pension debt

Minority Republicans in

ily roll the state sales tax back from 6.35% to 5.99% and suspend the 1% surcharge on restaurant food and other

prepared meals. State Sen. Henri Martin of Bristol, ranking GOP senator on the Finance Committee, said providing some modest tax relief is important, but officials also must continue dedicating most of this projected surplus to reduce Connecticut's massive pension debt.

Because the state's rainy day fund, which holds \$3.1 billion, already is at its legal maximum at 15% of annual operating costs, any projected surplus not spent on programs or use to fund tax relief would be used to pay down pension debt.

The state has nearly \$41 billion in unfunded pension obligations stemming from more than seven decades of inadequate savings, and analysts project this will continue to place pressure on other programs in the budget well into the 2040s.

"I think we stay steady," Martin said. "I think it would be too premature to make any type of significant changes.'

"We should not view that [revenue growth] as an excuse to forgo the good fiscal discipline that helped get us here," added state Rep. Holly Cheeseman of East Lyme, ranking House Republican on the Finance Committee.

Melissa McCaw, Lamont's

cautiously optimistic Tuesday, noting that state finances for this fiscal year and next combined are supported, in part, with more than \$1.75 billion in federal coronavirus aid.

The surging state revenues "give us the ability to reduce this reliance on one-time revenues from the federal government, making progress, albeit not fully, towards a structurally balanced budget ... Connecticut has made significant strides to improve its financial stand-

ing in the last five years." Those "significant strides" are expected to continue for at least a few more years, according to the latest report.

#### State government is financially ready when federal **COVID-19 aid expires**

The 2023-24 fiscal year when federal pandemic relief will have expired sounds far off, but it's not.

That fiscal year begins in July 2023, and the winners of this November's gubernatorial and legislative elections will have to begin working on that budget 13 months from

Analysts now project state finances for 2023-24 have a built-in hole of \$520 million. But that doesn't include another \$680 million they expect to be captured by the volatility adjustment. Those funds, plus the \$3.1 billion in the state's rainy day fund, would enable the next

easily manage state finances even without lost federal pandemic relief.

And with that problem well in hand, a leader of the legislature's budget-writing committee said it's time for Connecticut to bolster some services for its most vulner-

Private nonprofit agencies, which provide the bulk of state-sponsored social services, say demand for their programs has surged by 68% since the pandemic

The CT Community Nonprofit Alliance, which represents hundreds of these agencies, estimates that after more than a decade of minimum growth in state funding, the industry loses \$461 million per year.

State Sen. Cathy Osten, co-chairwoman of the legislature's Appropriations Committee, joined the alliance Tuesday in calling for annual increases in funding over the next five years to close this gap, arguing the state can easily afford to help those who serve the disabled, people struggling with mental illness, and others in need.

"We have always said we valued our nonprofits and we need to show that value, not just by thanking them," Osten said. "We have to start funding the services at a level that allows them to more than exist but to treat their clients with the respect that we expect them to."

#### Manchester police file more charges against shooting suspect

By Jesse Leavenworth Hartford Courant

Manchester police filed more charges, including conspiracy to commit arson, against a Vernon man suspected of firing multiple shots from a car Tuesday.

Jahzaun Clarke, 24, also was charged by warrant with conspiracy to commit first-degree assault and criminal possession of a firearm. Clarke previously had been charged with violation of a protective order.

Officers responded at 12:06 a.m. to the area of 104 Charter Oak St. after a caller reported multiple rounds fired from a gold Chevrolet Impala. The driver fled west on Charter Oak Street and more shots were fired from the car at the I-384 entry ramp, police spokesman Lt. Ryan Shea said. No one was hurt. Shea said he was not sure whether any vehicles

or structures were hit, but he said Clarke was targeting a person inside a home.

Police pulled the Impala over on Main Street Tuesday evening on a traffic stop and arrested Clarke on the protective order violation charge, Shea said. The vehicle was not stolen, he said.

Police said the arson charge stems from evidence that a person in the Impala had tried to set fire to the victim's vehicle before the shooting, Shea said. A search of the car turned up evidence related to the attempted arson and the firearm used in the shooting, police said. Clarke was being held Friday in lieu of \$750,000.

Anyone with information on the incident is asked to call police at 860-645-5500 or 860-645-5575.

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### Police: Unsecured, loaded assault rifles taken from home where kids were present

Staff report

Loaded firearms, including two AR-15 assault style rifles - Colt Model M4 Carbine and a Rock River Arms Model LAR 15 — and a semi-automatic pistol (FNH Model Five-Seven) allegedly were found inside a Waterbury apartment during execution of a search and seizure warrant, according to police.

Investigators members of the Waterbury Police Department Gang Task Force Unit and Vice and Intelligence Division — were at the home on Rawley Avenue on Wednesday with the warrant that identified the residence and Arrick Fleming, 27, who lived there, police said.

Fleming was allegedly in violation of requirement to register AR-15 type weapons under CT Public Act 13-3, police said. It also was determined that the pistol





Waterbury Police said they confiscated these weapons from a home in the city. WATERBURY POLICE PHOTOS

he possessed was allegedly reported as stolen, police

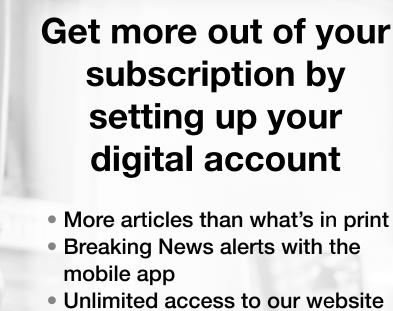
"It should be noted that the weapons recovered were not secured and were accessible to other children who were present in the home," police said in a statement. "Fleming was also found to be in possession of 49.8 grams of crack cocaine and 90 bags of Fentanyl/Heroin."

cash was seized from the residence as alleged "illegal proceeds from sales of narcotics."

Fleming is charged with two counts of illegal possession of an assault style rifle, four counts of illegal possession of a high capacity magazine; three counts each of failure to secure firearms and illegal sale or transfer of fire-

Police said \$3,200 in arm; theft of firearm; illegal possession of over half ounce of narcotics with intent to sell; possession of narcotics with intent to sell; operation of a drug factory; possession of drug paraphernalia and two count of risk of injury to a minor,

police said. Fleming was held in lieu of \$750,000.00 bail until his court arraignment Thursday, police said.



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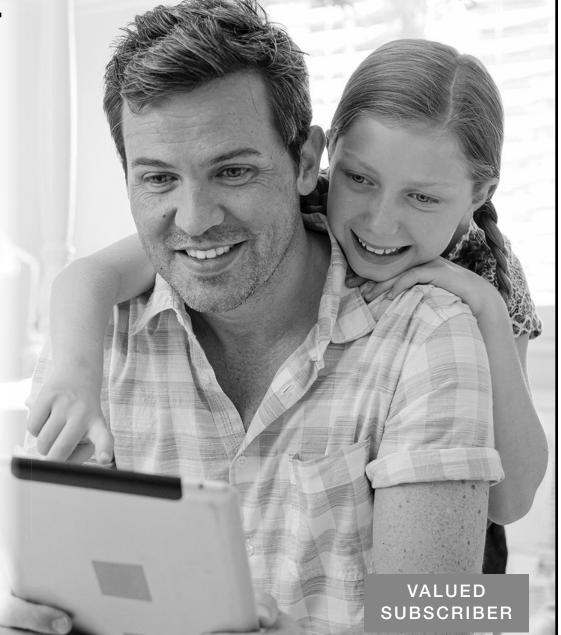
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#### LIVING

#### **CELEBRITIES**

#### Adele postpones Vegas residency

From news services

Adele has postponed a 24-date Las Vegas residency hours before it was to start, citing delivery delays and coronavirus illness in her crew.

The chart-topping British singer said she was "gutted" and promised to reschedule the shows.

In a video message posted Thursday on social media, a tearful Adele said: "I'm so sorry, but my show ain't ready."

"We've tried absolutely everything that we can to pull it together in time, and for it to be good enough for you, but we've been absolutely destroyed by delivery delays and COVID," she said, adding that "half my team are down with" the virus.

Adele had been due to perform 24 shows at Caesars Palace Hotel starting Friday following the release of her fourth album, "30."

In a tweet, Caesars Palace said it understood fans' disappointment but added: "Creating a show of this magnitude is incredibly complex. We fully support Adele and are confident the show she unveils at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace will be extraordinary."

'SNL' comics buy ferry **boat:** "Saturday Night Live" comics Colin Jost and Pete Davidson have

purchased a decommissioned Staten Island Ferry boat for \$280,100 with plans to turn it into New York's hottest club.

Jost and Davidson teamed up with comedy club owner Paul Italia on Wednesday's winning bid for the John F. Kennedy, a 277-foot vessel that shuttled commuters between the New York City boroughs of Manhattan and Staten Island from 1965 until it was taken out of service last August.

Italia said transforming the 2,109-ton ferry into an entertainment venue will cost millions of dollars



Singer Adele has postponed a 24-show Las Vegas residency. which was set to begin Friday. JOEL RYAN/INVISION 2016

and won't happen anytime

Jost and Davidson both grew up on Staten Island and often joke about their home borough and its best-known mode of transport.

Singer Soares dies: Brazilian samba singer Elza Soares, 91, died in her Rio de Janeiro home on Thursday, family members said on the artist's official Instagram account.

The singer "moved the world with her voice, her strength and her determination," they said, adding she "will forever be in the history of music and in our hearts and the thousands of fans around the world."

The family said Soares died of "natural causes."

Elza Gomes da Conceicao became famous singing samba in the early 1960s, before diversifying to other genres, winning her the title of "singer of

the millennium" in a BBC London competition in 1999.

Dafoe to host 'SNL':

Willem Dafoe is swinging by "Saturday Night Live" this month to host a show. The actor will lead the Jan. 29 edition of the sketch comedy series, with Katy Perry set to perform as the musical guest, NBC has announced. It will be Dafoe's first time hosting, while Perry will be making her fourth appearance.

Jan. 22 birthdays: Actor Piper Laurie is 90. Singer Steve Perry is 73. Bassist Teddy Gentry is 70. Actor John Wesley Shipp is 67. Actor Linda Blair is 63. Actor Diane Lane is 57. Musician DJ Jazzy Jeff is 57. Chef Guy Fieri is 54. Actor Olivia D'Abo is 53. Singer Lizz Wright is 42. Actor Beverley Mitchell is 41. Rapper Logic is 32. Actor Sami Gayle is 26.



### **ASK AMY**

**By Amy Dickinson** 

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#### Favorite grandson grilled for next dinner date

Dear Amy: My grandmother is 91 and lives on her own. Her husband died a year ago.

Although she has a few other grandchildren locally, I have always been her favorite because I was the first grandson.

My mom lives less than a mile away and sees her almost daily, and my grandmother talks to her neighbors, so she isn't totally isolated.

I am in my 40s and live 20 miles away.

Ever since I learned to drive, my grandmother has asked me to come over for dinner. She often tries to lock me into a date for the next dinner before the one I'm eating is even finished.

This has always been annoving

Over the years I would jokingly complain about it, but let it go. This past year, with her living alone, this has gotten worse.

Now she expects me to come at least twice a week and complains if she doesn't get enough

one-on-one time with me. She also has been complaining that "it has been a while" since she last saw me when it has only been a few days.

I don't want her to stop inviting me over, I just don't want to make it a part of every conversation.

Without sounding selfish or uncaring, how do I tell her that this kind of behavior is annoying and makes me not want to answer the phone?

— Favorite Grandson

**Dear Favorite:** I do not give you permission to give your 91-year-old grandmother the brushoff.

One solution is to have a "standing date" once

a week with her. Every Sunday afternoon, you will drive over to see her. If you can also see her at other times, that will be a bonus for both of you.

If she agitates about the next date, remind her: "Sunday is just four days away. I'm looking forward to it!"

Your grandmother was widowed last year. She has been through a lot. Her memory may be failing.

You can handle a little annoyance. Show up.

Dear Amy: I appreciate the support you show in your column toward extraordinary fathers.

You ran a question from "Conflicted," whose father always gave her spending money whenever she went on vacation. (Conflicted's husband was offended by it.)

In 1941, my dad was 5 years old when his mother passed away. One week later, his father dumped all eight children onto the state to grow up separately - being used as farm hands at various locations across the state.

It was a lonely, abusive and sad childhood.

When he was 13, he ended up at a home next to my mom's farm, and the two kids fell madly in love. It really was an incredible love story. My father spent his

entire life giving everything he could to our family.

Every Mother's Day after I became a mother, he gave me money to buy flowers for my yard and vegetables for our garden.

Every scratch ticket he won he put in a card and surprised me for no reason. Every event, every vacation and every holiday he

made extra special with all the wonderful things he did. The void that has been left in our lives since this man died is enormous.

The legacy of his selflessness and generosity lives on, as I am my father's daughter, and I have passed these lessons on to my own children.

Conflicted's husband should be proud that his wife has a thoughtful and generous dad. It's a beautiful attribute.

– Missing My Dad

Dear Missing: Thank you for this tribute to the tremendous power of love to overwhelm adversity.

(Excuse me now, because I seem to have something in my eye ...)

Dear Amy: As someone who grew up with alcoholism running rampant on both sides of my family, "Disgusted" left me truly disgusted.

Amy, your advice was spot on. Disgusted's friend has an addiction, and addiction is a disease.

It's not a huge ask to support this friend by removing her access to alcohol.

If not enjoying alcohol socially is so inconvenient for Disgusted, her friend would probably have better luck with recovery not having a "friend" who would shame her for relapsing.

- Addicts in the Family

Dear Addicts in the Family: I appreciate your insight and awareness.

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#### CROSSWORD PUZZLE CORRECTION

Due to a production error, an incorrect crossword puzzle appeared in Friday's newspaper. Friday's crossword puzzle appears below. The answer grid is on B6.

#### FRIDAY, JAN. 21 **CROSSWORD**

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By Jeffrey Wechsler

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#### **HOROSCOPES**

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Someone else doesn't seem to be following the rules today. You might need to take into account power dynamics. The rules seem different for some people than they are for others. Ask friends for advice on

the situation. Taurus (April 20-May 20): Someone close may want you to spend the day working on a shared obligation with them, but you could be really drawn to do your own thing instead. You are better off being truthful about your needs instead of going along resentfully, but perhaps you can make

a compromise.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Quiet may be appealing to you now, but someone else might insist on engaging with you. If you can't persuade them to wait until another time, try to steer the conversation straight to their deeper concerns. You'll probably be less annoyed by an intense conversation than by chatter.

Cancer (June 21-July **22):** Communicating could frustrate you today. Although you may just be trying to get things done correctly, you might wind up hurting someone else's feelings, which could in turn hurt your feelings. It would be wise to take a break from the task and focus on your relationship.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Look at your finances. Figure out a way to get more money from your work, allowing you to increase your income as well as reduce your expenses. In the meantime, having a good conversation with someone close might let you enjoy yourself with-

out breaking the bank.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Exasperation could provoke you to snap at whoever is around you today. If you can push yourself to look within, you may be able to make an important insight about which need of yours isn't being met at this time. Regain a sense of control over your life.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may think you're keeping some current frustrations to yourself, but they could emerge in passive-aggressive speech. Your snarky remarks make you sound just like a parent or other caretaker who shaped your youth. Learn how to express yourself in a more productive way going forward.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You could have tension with your friends at this time. They seem to be insulting your deeply held values. However, it might be hard for you to determine what's truly setting you off. You may get a better chance at clarity if you step away from the situation.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You might seem to offend an authority figure no matter how innocent your intentions are. Perhaps you triggered a sensitivity of theirs. It's also possible that you would be perceived as offensive no matter what you did. They might view you as a threat.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): No matter how subtly you present yourself, you can still give quiet hints of any personal beliefs that shape your life. An indirect approach may be more persuasive. If you can't resist commenting openly, logistical aspects of a cause vou're concerned about may be more compelling.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A friend may push you too hard on a personal subject today. This encounter might provoke you to wrestle with the idea that you're interested in sharing your views. As long as you get to control the way you tell the story, you may realize your words have the potential to help others.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): Ambition could be hard on your personal life at the moment, as someone close to you might feel like you're neglecting them. You miss seeing everyone. You need to rework some of your obligations. Don't forget to include your own downtime in your calcula-

#### TODAY IN **HISTORY**

**Associated Press** 

On Jan. 22, 1901, Britain's Queen Victoria died at age 81 after a reign of 63 years.

In 1938, Thornton Wilder's play "Our Town" was performed publicly for the

In 1973, the U.S. Supreme Court, in its Roe v. Wade decision, declared a nationwide constitutional right to abortion.

In 1997, the Senate confirmed Madeleine Albright as the first female secretary of state.

In 1998, Theodore Kaczynski pleaded guilty in Sacramento, California, to being the Unabomber.

In 2006, Kobe Bryant scored 81 points, the second-highest in NBA history, in the Los Angeles Lakers' victory over the Toronto Raptors.

In 2008, actor Heath Ledger, 28, was found dead of an accidental prescription overdose in a New York City apartment.

In 2020, Hank Aaron died at 86.

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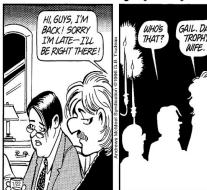








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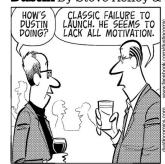








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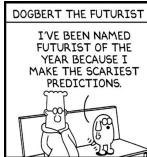
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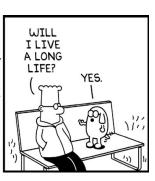




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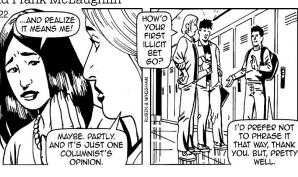






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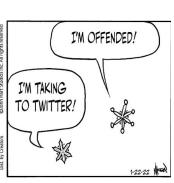
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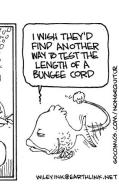




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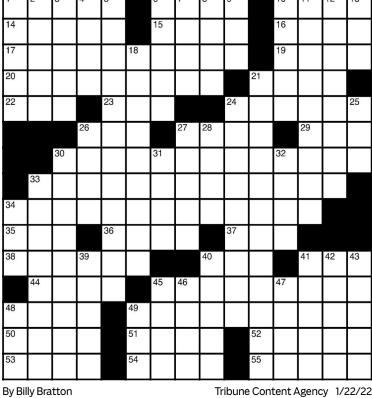
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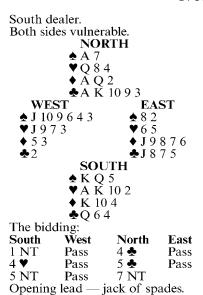
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#### **BRIDGE**

BY STEVE BECKER



#### Elementary arithmetic

The ability to count to 13 is obviously important in bridge, but utilizing this ability at the proper moment is quite another thing. Here is an example that illustrates the kind of difference simple arithmetic can make.

West led a spade against seven notrump after North checked for aces and kings via the Gerber Convention. South could count 12 sure tricks — three in each suit. The 13th trick had to come from either hearts or clubs, and the problem was how to guard against the possibility that both suits might break unfavorably.

South began by cashing three spade tricks, discarding a club from dummy. When East pitched a diamond on the third spade, declarer learned that West had started with six spades.

South next cashed the A-Q-K of hearts, learning that West had also started with four hearts. Then, to find out how many clubs West had started with, declarer

cashed the K-A of diamonds. When West followed to both, 12 of West's original 13 cards became known, and the only question remaining was whether West had one club or none. So declarer next cashed the ace of clubs,

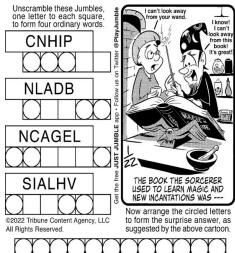
and, when West followed suit, West's original distribution — 6-4-2-1 — was confirmed. Accordingly, South led the ten of clubs from dummy and played low from his hand after East followed low. The finesse succeeded, as declarer knew it would, and South made the grand slam.

Now let's suppose declarer had cashed the A-O of clubs earlier in the play, as many might have done before testing the other suits.

In that case, South would have discovered that East had the J-x-x-x of clubs, but there would then have been no way to recover, and the grand slam would have gone down the drain.

#### **JUMBLE**

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK



(Answers Monday) AGENCY Jumbles: STUNT STYLE **EXCEED** Yesterday's Some members of the U.S. House of Represen tatives ate lunch at the — "DELEGATE-TESSEN"

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### SPORTS

**UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL** 

### Picking up his game

After brilliant second half at Butler, Tyrese Martin may just be the key to providing the spark that gets Huskies back in Big East race

By Shreyas Laddha

Hartford Courant

UConn's offense has gotten into the habit of starting slow and playing with little urgency on the court early in games. The Huskies got away with it against Butler, sweeping the home-and-home series with a 75-56 victory at Hinkle Fieldhouse on Thursday and a 76-59 win Tuesday night at the XL Center, but as they continue to face tougher competition, it may become a serious issue. UConn's





Georgetown at UConn (Gampel) 8:30 p.m. Tue., CBSSN

four games against Big East opponents prior to Butler were singledigit wins or losses.

If UConn has aspirations of winning the Big East, that means its offense must play with better pace, better energy and take better shots on fast breaks. It lacked all of those things early against Butler, as the Huskies shot only 10-for-35 (28.6%) from the field and found themselves fortunate to be down only four points at the half.

"In this conference, you can't put up 20 minutes on film that look like that," UConn coach Dan Hurley said.

When the Huskies trailed Thursday's game 28-24 at the end of the first half, they came out in the second looking like a completely different team. Their

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UConn guard Tyrese Martin asks an official why no foul was called in the second half of Thursday's game against Butler in Indianapolis. AJ MAST/AP

#### **YARD GOATS**

#### Manager Denorfia extends welcome to Balkovec

**By Dom Amore** Hartford Courant

HARTFORD - Chris Denorfia embraced the chance to continue a "dream job," beginning his career as a minor league manager so close to his



Denorfia

hometown. But as he returns for his second full season as Yard Goats

> manager, he is delighted

to know that

iobs like his are accessible to all. Last week, the Yankees named Rachel Balkovec manager of their Tampa affiliate, the first hiring of a female to a full-time managing job in affiliated minor league

"It's fantastic," Denorfia said. "There's no reason that shouldn't be happening already. You're seeing in more and more organizations, those kinds of barriers are being broken down. Baseball is a game that all you need to do is know how to play, have some knowledge and have some drive and want to get players better, and you can be on this side of it. It doesn't matter what you look like or where you are from, hopefully we will get to a more equal playing field."

Balkovec, 34, had been a minor league hitting coach. She played softball at Creighton and New Mexico before launching her coaching career, developing an extensive understanding of the game's modern analytics.

Denorfia, 41, who had a long career as a major league outfielder, said he believes players will be accepting of a female in a managerial role.

"We never really tried it," he said. "I really don't see it being that big a deal. I'm excited that it's happening. I like to think we would have been accepting of it back then [when he played] as well."

Yard Goats president Tim Restall also said this was a glass ceiling that should have been shattered before 2022.

"Phenomenal," Restall said. "To see that, and seeing other [female] coaches being announced, it's great to see. I look forward to seeing more of

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#### NO. 9 UCONN WOMEN 71, SETON HALL 38



UConn's Olivia Nelson-Ododa snags one of her 14 rebounds from Seton Hall's Sidney Cooks on Friday at Gampel Pavilion. Nelson-Ododa also had 17 points. CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT

### A tall order

#### UConn uses its size to wear down Seton Hall in Big East rout

By Alexa Philippou Hartford Courant

STORRS - Yet again dealing with their shorthanded backcourt with the absences of Christyn Williams (COVID-19 protocols), Azzi Fudd (foot) and Paige Bueckers (knee), the No. 9 UConn women's basketball team looked to its posts to deliver a win over Seton Hall on Friday night, and keep to its streak dating back to 1993 of avoiding consecutive losses alive.

The frontcourt — with an assist from improved guard play from Nika Mühl and Evina Westbrook did just that. UConn dominated the paint and glass to propel the Huskies over Big East foe Seton Hall 71-38 at Gampel Pavilion in what coach Geno Auriemma called a "team win."

Senior Olivia Nelson-Ododa scored in double figures for the fourth-straight game with 17

points, while also collecting her third double-double of the season with 14 rebounds. Graduate student Dorka Juhász scored 11 of her 12 points in the first half, while Mühl finished with a season-high 11 points thanks to three 3s.

UConn won the points in the paint battle 38-8 and out-rebounded the Pirates 53-25, while also scoring 21 second-chance

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#### Beleaguered franchise taps Bills' Schoen as its new GM

By Tom Rock Newsday

The last time Joe Schoen took a new job he arrived in the front office of a franchise that hadn't been to the postseason in 17 seasons. The Bills had become an overlooked



Schoen

outpost and an afterthought of the NFL in January 2017 when they hired Brandon Beane to be their new

general manager and Beane, in one of his first moves, brought Schoen along to be his top assis-

The Bills have been to the postseason four out of five times since, won back-to-back division titles, and on Sunday will face Kansas City for a chance to advance to the AFC Championship Game.

That's the kind of turnaround the Giants are hoping they can execute for themselves.

That's why they hired Schoen as their new general manager.

One of the clear favorites to get the job when the process began, the first of nine candidates to receive an interview after Dave Gettleman announced his retirement, and the first of three finalists to meet with the Giants in person, Schoen was offered and accepted the job on Friday.

"Now," Schoen said in the team's announcement of the decision, "the work begins."

Hiring Schoen, the team hopes, is the first step toward rehabilitating a tarnished image and futile football. He will be given immense powers perhaps more than any general manager since George Young when he was hired under similarly dire circumstances in 1979 - to oversee the transforma-

"Joe is the kind of exceptional leader we sought to oversee our football operations," co-owner Steve Tisch said. "We will do whatever it takes to support Joe's vision and strategic plan for success. We are excited to begin this next chapter with Joe as our general manager."

Schoen, 42, is just the Giants' fifth general manager since 1979, and the first since Young

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#### **UP NEXT**

UConn MBB: Georgetown (Gampel), Tuesday, 8:30 p.m.; at DePaul, Jan. 29, 6:30 p.m.; Creighton (XL), Feb. 1,

UConn WBB: at St. John's, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at South Carolina, Thursday, 6 p.m.; at Providence, Jan. 30, 11 a.m. Celtics: at Wizards, Sunday, 3:30 p.m.; Kings, Tuesday,

7:30 p.m.; at Hawks, Friday, 7:30 p.m. Knicks: Clippers, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at Cavaliers, Monday, 7 p.m.; at Heat, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Nets: at Timberwolves, Sunday, 8 p.m.; Lakers, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; Nuggets, Wednesday, 8 p.m.

UConn hockey: New Hampshire, Saturday, 4 p.m.; Merrimack, Tuesday, 7 p.m.; vs. Yale, Jan. 29, 3:30 p.m. Bruins: Jets, Saturday, 3 p.m.; Ducks, Monday, 7 p.m.; at Avalanche, Wednesday, 10 p.m.

Rangers: Coyotes, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Kings, Monday, 7 p.m.;

at Blue Jackets, Thursday, 7 p.m.

Wolf Pack: at Hershey, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Hershey, Sunday, 3 p.m.; Springfield, Wednesday, 7 p.m.

#### TV/RADIO

**AUTO RACING** 

10 p.m.: AMA Supercross Round 3, San Diego (Live) USA

11 a.m.: Women's College Army at Navy. (Live) CBSSN Noon: Syracuse at Duke. (Live) ESPN Noon: West Virginia at Texas Tech. (Live) ESPN2 Noon: Villanova at Georgetown. (Live) FOX

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4 p.m.: Notre Dame at Louisville. (Live) ESPN 4 p.m.: Mississippi at Mississippi St., (Live) ESPNU 4:30 p.m.: Richmond at La Salle. (Live) USA 5:30 p.m.: DePaul at Creighton. (Live) CBSSN

6 p.m.: Pittsburgh at Clemson. (Live) ACC 6 p.m.: LSU at Tennessee. (Live) ESPN **6 p.m.:** East Carolina at Houston. (Live) ESPN2

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8 p.m.: Thunder at Cavaliers. (Live) NBA 8:30 p.m.: Texas A&M at Arkansas. (Live) SEC 9:30 p.m.: Boise St. at San Diego St. (Live) CBSSN 10 p.m.: St. Mary's (Cal.) at Loyola Marymount. (Live)

11 p.m.: Arizona St. at Stanford. (Live) FS1

4 p.m.: Players Championship: East Region Finals. (Live)

6 p.m.: Players Championship: South Region Finals. (Live)

#### **BOXING**

11:30 p.m.: High School Polynesian Bowl. (Live) CBSSN 9 p.m.: Gary Russell Jr. vs. Mark Magsayo (Featherweights), Atlantic City, N.J. (Live) SHO

4:30 p.m.: Bengals at Titans. (Live) CBS 8 p.m.: 49ers at Packers. (Live) FOX

#### **GOLF**

11 a.m.: Latin America Amateur Championship, Third Round. (Live) ESPNEWS

2 p.m.: LPGA Tour Tournament Of Champions, Third Round. (Live) GOLF

3 p.m.: PGA Tour American Express, Third Round. (Live)

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7 p.m.: PGA Tour Champions Mitsubishi Electric Championship, Final Round. (Live) GOLF

#### HOCKEY

1 p.m.: Flyers at Sabres. (Live) NHL 3 p.m.: Jets at Bruins. (Live), NESN 4 p.m.: College: New Hampshire at UConn. (Live), NESNPlus. Radio: 97.9

7 p.m.: Canadiens at Avalanche. (Live) NHL

7 p.m.: Coyotes at Rangers. (Live), MSG 7 p.m.: Hartford Wolf Pack at Hershey Bears. (Live), Radio:

#### **HORSE RACING**

2:30 p.m.: NYRA: America's Day at the Races. (Live) FS2

8 p.m.: UFC 270 Prelims. ESPN

10 a.m.: European Champions Cup Group Stage: Bordeaux at Leicester. (Live) CNBC

#### SOCCER

7:30 a.m.: Premier League: Aston Villa at Everton. (Live) USA 9 a.m.: Serie A: Udinese at Genoa. (Live) CBSSN 10 a.m.: Premier League: Newcastle United at Leeds United. (Live) USA

12:30 p.m.: Premier League: Manchester City at

Southampton. (Live) NBC 10 p.m.: Liga MX: Cruz Azul at Monterrey. (Live) FS2

8 a.m.: Australian Open Third Round. (Taped) ESPN2 9 a.m.: Australian Open Round of 16. (Live) ESPN2

#### **WINTER SPORTS**

**2 p.m.:** X Games Aspen: Snowboarding and Skiing. (Live) ABC 10 p.m.: X Games Aspen: Snowboarding and Skiing. (Live)

#### **NHL** NOTES

### Rangers give Shesterkin a break

By Colin Stephenson Newsday

RALEIGH, N.C. — In the front end of their eighth back-to-back set this season, Rangers coach Gerard Gallant chose to start Alexandar Georgiev in goal Friday against Carolina, rather than Igor Shesterkin, who had played three straight games. Georgiev, who carried a 7-5-2 record into the game, with a 2.71 goals-against average and

.908 save percentage, last played in the 3-1 loss to the L.A. Kings on Jan. 10.

The move meant Shesterkin (18-4-2, 2.03, .938) was in line to start Saturday's game against the Arizona Coyotes at Madison Square Garden. Gallant has not started the same goaltender in both games of a back-to-back set.

This will be the sixth back-to-back where Gallant has had Georgiev and Shesterkin both available. In the first two, he started Georgiev in the first game and Shesterkin in the second, and in the next three he started Shesterkin in the first game and Georgiev in the second.

The other two back-tobacks came when Shesterkin was on injured reserve. Georgiev started the first game in both of those, and Adam Huska and Keith Kinkaid each started the second game once.

In their first seven backto-backs, the Rangers were 4-2-1 in the first game and 4-2-1 in the second game.

Hunt returns to lineup: Gallant made one change to the lineup he dressed Wednesday against Toronto when he inserted forward Dryden Hunt on Friday in place of Julien Gauthier.

Hunt, a healthy scratch Wednesday after missing four games while on injured reserve with an upper-body injury, played right wing on the line with Artemi Panarin and Ryan Strome.



Former Celtics guard Terry Rozier has thrived with the Hornets, averaging 19.1 points, 4.3 rebounds and 4.1 assists over the last three seasons. JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

#### **CELTICS**

### Hornets guard Rozier shows Boston just what got away

By Adam Himmelsbach Boston Globe

Two of the louder ovations during pregame introductions at TD Garden on Wednesday went to players who are no longer Celtics. For Boston fans watching their team face the Hornets, it was easy to look down on the court and think about what could have been.

There was Gordon Hayward, now healthy and thriving two years after declining his fourth-year option with Boston and signing a four-year, \$120 million deal with the Hornets. And there was Terry Rozier, who has emerged as a force for Charlotte since agreeing to a three-year, \$56.7 million deal with the team in the summer of 2019.

Hayward's decision to leave the Celtics felt more significant at the time, but Rozier's situation, in retrospect, probably set Boston back even more. When Kyrie Irving left the Celtics to sign with the Nets in the summer of 2019, the Celtics brass scrambled to find his replacement. It seemed fortuitous when they were able to sign All-Star Kemba Walker to a four-year max deal.

Rozier became Walker's replacement in Charlotte, landing there in a sign-and-trade. Rozier was just 25 then, and although he had shown flashes of his potential, his play was erratic.

Left knee issues took Walker out of the picture in Boston, and last summer he was dealt to the Thunder for Al Horford.

Rozier, meanwhile, has mostly shined for Charlotte. Over the last three seasons he is averaging 19.1 points, 4.3 rebounds and 4.1 assists while shooting 39.4 percent from the 3-point line.

"Terry, he has continued to get better as a player," Horford said Wednesday. "I've been following him. I've been impressed, because some guys reach a certain point or certain level and they kind of taper off or stop working. But Terry, you know he's putting in the work. He's putting in the time. He's having fun with it. He continues to get better."

Rozier is just 27, and he could be in position to thrive alongside rising LaMelo Ball in Charlotte's backcourt for years to come. And as he has ascended, Boston's backcourt has become a significant question mark.

Marcus Smart has handled point guard duties but his shooting remains an issue and his assist numbers have actually dipped since last season, from 6.2 per game to 5.6. Dennis Schröder has been an asset as a scorer, but the ball tends to stop when it reaches his hands, and he is unlikely to be in Boston's future plans anyway.

#### **NETS**

#### Assistant coach fined for in-game interference

By Kristian Winfield New York Daily News

The NBA fined the Nets and assistant coach David Vanterpool after he interfered with a pass from Washington Wizards' Spencer Dinwiddie on Wednesday.

The Nets were fined \$25,000, and Vanterpool was fined \$10,000.

The incident happened at the 5:45 mark of the fourth quarter of the Nets' 119-118 victory over the Wizards.

Dinwiddie attempted to swing a pass to a wideopen Kyle Kuzma in the corner, but Vanterpool, who was standing close to the sideline, stuck his hand out and deflected the pass. Nets veteran guard Patty Mills then closed out on Kuzma and stole the ball.

Kuzma took a foul to stop the possession, then he and Dinwiddie complained about Vanterpool's outstretched arm.

During postgame interviews, officiating crew chief Ben Taylor said none of the officials saw the infraction and that there is no mechanism in place for such a play to be reviewed.

"That was also horse [crap]," Kuzma said of the play after the game. "You've got Steve Nash blocking the ref's view. He can't see. I don't know what else to say. It's very unfortunate, but you've just got to live with it."

There isn't much of a bar for the NBA as it pertains to coaches who break the rules. The league fined former Nets head coach Jason Kidd \$50,000 for directing a player to bump into him and intentionally spilling a drink on the court to force the officials into a stoppage of play. In that game, a 2013 matchup against the Los Angeles Lakers, the Nets were down two and out of timeouts with 8 seconds to go and Kidd's infraction gave his team time to gather themselves and prepare for a game-winning play ... which fell short.

Vanterpool is in his first season as an assistant coach with the Nets. He spent six years as an assistant coach on Terry Stotts' Portland Trail Blazers staff, then spent two years as a lead assistant and defensive coordinator in Minnesota before taking the job on Nash's staff. He is regarded as one of several assistants on the short list of future head coaching candidates.

#### Giants

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to come from outside the organization.

None of the nine candidates for the job had any direct ties to the Giants' front office, the first signal that this hire would be a sharp departure from business as usual for a franchise that has often promoted from within. Schoen and the two other finalists, 49ers assistant general manager Adam Peters and Kansas City executive director of player personnel Ryan Poles, interviewed in person with ownership at the team facility in East Rutherford this week.

"Steve and I were both impressed with all nine candidates," co-owner John Mara. "We came away from this process feeling like all nine will be a general manager in this league at some point. We just felt like Joe was the right fit at the right time for us."

Why? "Throughout our search, Joe impressed us with his ability to communicate a progressive and comprehensive vision for our team," Mara said. "His philosophy and collaborative approach to building a roster and coaching staff align with what we were looking for in a general manager."

Schoen said his first task will be finding a new head coach. He has developed a close relationship with Brian Daboll, the Bills' offensive coordinator, who will now be among the favorites to make the journey downstate with Schoen. But Mara has insisted that there will be "no package deals" for general managers and head coaches, so the Giants will have other contenders. The Giants have already requested permission to interview Cowboys defensive coordinator Dan Quinn and have been in touch with former Dolphins head coach Brian Flores to express their interest in interviewing him (because Flores was fired, the Giants do not need to request permission to speak

As for the players, Schoen said: "We will begin to evaluate our roster and prepare for the draft and free agency. Our goal is to build a roster that will be competitive, have depth and most importantly, win football games."

It's that last part that has eluded the Giants for too long, just as it had the Bills for a generation. On Sunday, though, one of those teams will be playing in one of the most anticipated postseason games in years. The other will be planning on being there soon.

That, ultimately, is why Schoen is here.



### NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

#### **SHORTS**

#### Nuggets sign Cousins to 10-day deal



The Nuggets signed four-time All-Star DeMarcus Cousins to a 10-day contract on Friday to back up Nikola Jokic. The 6-foot-10 Cousins will be eligible to play in six games for the Nuggets, starting Friday night game against the Grizzlies. Cousins averaged 9.1 points and 5.8 rebounds in 17 games for the Bucks, but

was released this month as they wanted to open a roster spot. "We wouldn't have been able to get through this difficult stretch of the season as successfully as we did without DeMarcus," Bucks general manager Jon Horst told ESPN at the time. "At the end of the day, we made a strategic decision to have an open roster spot, but there's nothing that would prevent us from partnering with DeMarcus again down the road. He was so good for us, and hopefully we helped him, too." The Nuggets have limited big-man depth behind the reigning MVP Jokic. The Nuggets are the seventh team for the 31-year-old Cousins, who has been slowed in recent years by a torn Achilles' tendon and torn ACL. He holds career averages of 20.1 points and 10.4 rebounds.

#### NY mobile bets top \$600M in 2 weeks

New York sportsbooks took more than \$600 million worth of bets from phones or computers in the first two weeks of the activity being legal this month, according to figures posted Friday. The numbers posted by the New York State Gaming Commission show that the four currently operating mobile sportsbooks — FanDuel, DraftKings, Caesars and Rush Street Interactive — handled more than \$603 million worth of bets for the weeks ending Jan. 9 and 16. An additional \$8.5 million worth of bets were made at in-person sportsbooks in New York state over that same time period, bringing the total to \$611.5 million. Projected over a full month, that would exceed \$1.2 billion and would rival the best months New Jersey's nation-leading sports betting market has ever had. The New York sportsbooks reported \$48.2 million in sports betting revenue — but the revenue of mobile sports operators in the Empire State is taxed at 51%, compared with 13% in New Jersey. "We always knew New York had this kind of potential, just by how many New Yorkers had been going over to New Jersey to bet," said New York state Sen. Joseph Addabbo Jr. "What's really amazing is we did this with only four sports books operating, with more to come online soon.

#### China to limit Olympic torch relay

China is limiting the torch relay for the Winter Olympics to only three days amid coronavirus worries, organizers said Friday. The flame will be displayed only in enclosed venues that are deemed "safe and controllable," according to officials. No public transit routes would be disturbed and normal life would continue for the 20 million residents of the capital, where a handful of new COVID-19 cases have been recorded over recent days. Beijing's deputy sports director, Yang Haibin, said safety was the "top priority," with the pandemic, venue preparations and the possibility of forest fires in Beijing's cold, dry climate all factored in. The relay will run from Feb. 2-4, taking in the three competition areas of downtown Beijing, the suburb of Yanqing, and Zhangjiakou in the neighboring province of Hebei. The Games have already been impacted on a scale similar to that experienced by Tokyo during last year's Summer Olympics. China says only selected spectators will be allowed to attend the events, and Olympic athletes, officials, staff and journalists are required to stay within a bubble that keeps them from contact with the general public. Participants in the torch rally will undergo health screens and be carefully monitored.



Naomi Osaka reacts during her match against Amanda Anisimova at the Australian Open on Friday. SIMON BAKER/AP

**AUSTRALIAN OPEN** 

### A point of departure

Defending champ Osaka knocked out by Anisimova

By John Pye Associated Press

 ${\bf MELBOURNE, Australia-Within}$ an hour of her third-round loss at the Australian Open, defending champion Naomi Osaka had consigned it to the

It's part of her new resolution for 2022. No dwelling on what's already

Osaka had two match points against 60th-ranked Amanda Anisimova in the third set Friday, and she missed two backhands.

Anisimova held serve to force a tiebreaker, which she dominated, and finished with an ace for a 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5) comeback victory over the fourtime major champion. In doing so, the 20-year-old American ensured that the so-called final-before-the-final — a much-anticipated fourth-round showdown between Osaka and top-ranked Ash Barty — won't happen.

"I'm not sure if I'm going to have regrets about those two match points," Osaka said. "Like, I thought she played really well. But I can't really look in the past anymore, you know?

"Like I just have to focus on what I can do in the future to hopefully evade those situations."

Anisimova, who had lost her previous nine matches against top 20 players and had to rebound from a set and a break down to survive her first-round match, hit 46 winners to Osaka's 21.

Osaka, one of the most powerful hitters in the women's draw, praised

Anisimova's service returns and described how the ball kept coming back at her so low and fast that she couldn't adjust her footwork to counter it.

"I just want to soak in this moment," said Anisimova, who took out Olympic champion Belinda Bencic in the second round. "It was an amazing match. It was very close. You know, there were a bit of nerves, and to play Naomi for the first time ... it's unreal, honestly."

Anisimova won her first WTA hardcourt title at a tuneup tournament in Melbourne this month and is now on an eight-match winning streak — the longest of her career in main draw matches. It's the fourth time Osaka has been unable to defend a major title, and the 11th time in her 21 trips to Grand Slam events she has been knocked out in the third round, including last year's

After winning the title last year her second at Melbourne Park in three years — Osaka withdrew from the French Open in the second round and skipped Wimbledon to take a break for her mental health. After her tearful exit at the U.S. Open, she took an extended layoff to reset and arrived at the year's first major with a seeding of No. 13. She also brought a new approach, vowing to enjoy the game more and never again cry in a news conference. She's spent time meditating, keeping a journal of things she needs to be grateful for, and more time hanging out with family and friends.

"I can't win every match. So I just have to, like, take that into account," Osaka said. "I feel like I grew a lot in this match.

#### At a glance

LOOKAHEAD TO SATURDAY: Daniil Medvedev will face No. 57-ranked Botic van de Zandschulp in the third round as he continues his bid to become the first man in the Open era to win a second Grand Slam singles title at the next major tournament. Medvedev has been the quasi No. 1 since defending champion Novak Djokovic was deported on the eve of the Australian Open for not meeting the country's COVID-19 vaccination requirements. The second-seeded Medvedev lost the 2021 Australian final but avenged that by beating Djokovic for the U.S. Open championship. On the women's side, two-time major winner Simona Halep is against Danka Kovinic and Iga Swiatek takes on Daria Kasatkina.

#### FRIDAY'S KEY RESULTS

Women's third round: No. 1 Ash Barty beat No. 30 Camila Giorgi 6-2, 6-3; Amanda Anisimova beat No. 13 Naomi Osaka 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5); No. 4 Barbora Krejcikova beat No. 26 Jelena Ostapenko 2-6, 6-4, 6-4; No. 5 Maria Sakkari beat No. 28 Veronika Kudermetova 6-4, 6-1; No. 8 Paula Badosa beat Marta Kostyuk 6-2.5-7.6-4.

Men's third round: No. 6 Rafael Nadal beat No. 28 Karen Khachanov 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1; No. 3 Alexander Zverev beat Radu Albot 6-3, 6-4, 6-4; No. 7 Matteo Berrettini beat No. 31 Carlos Alcaraz 6-2, 7-6 (3), 4-6, 2-6, 7-6 (5).

#### STAT OF THE DAY

8: Total number of games top-ranked Ash Barty has dropped in the first three rounds of the year's first Grand Slam tennis event.

#### **DIVISIONAL PREVIEWS** TODAY'S GAMES



#### **Bengals** (11-7) at Titans (12-5)

Time/TV: 4:30 p.m., CBS

Opening line: Titans by 3 1/2, according to FanDuel SportsBook.

Series record: Titans lead 40-35-1.

Last meeting: Bengals beat Titans 31-20 on Nov. 1, 2020, in

Last week: Bengals beat Raiders 26-19; Titans had firstround bye after beating Texans 28-25.

#### **PLAYERS TO WATCH Bengals:** QB Joe Burrow. The top pick in the 2020 draft set

franchise records with 4,611 yards passing and 34 TD passes during the regular season, and his 108.3 passer rating ranked second in the NFL. He completed 70.6% of his passes for 244 yards and two TDs in his playoff debut last week. Burrow has not been intercepted in his past five starts, averaging 344 yards passing with 13 TDs in that span. Titans: RB Derrick Henry. The 2020 AP NFL Offensive Player of the Year was the NFL's leading rusher with 937 yards when he broke his right foot Oct. 31 — and still finished ninth in the league. His 111.7-yard rushing average in the postseason is second only to Terrell Davis' mark of 142.5 yards for most in the NFL since 1970 with at least five games. And he now has fresh legs after being activated

#### **KEY MATCHUP**

Friday off injured reserve.

The Titans' defense against Cincinnati's passing game:

Burrow has plenty of targets with Pro Bowl WR Ja'Marr Chase setting a franchise record with 1,455 yards receiving. Tee Higgins also had a 1,000-yard season, while Tyler Boyd wasn't far behind with 828 yards. The Titans were the only NFL team with three pass rushers with at least eight sacks, and they tied for ninth with 43 sacks. All Pro S Kevin Byard had five interceptions in the regular season.

Sam Farmer's pick: For the first time in 29 years, the Bengals won a playoff game. That was emotional and awesome, but it stops here against a more postseasonsavvy team. **Titans 28, Bengals 24** 



#### 49ers (11-7) at **Packers (13-4)**

**Time/TV:** 8:15 p.m., Fox

Opening line: Packers by 6, according to FanDuel Sportsbook.

Series record: Packers lead 38-32-1

Last meeting: Packers beat 49ers 30-28 on Sept. 26, in Santa Clara, California.

Last week: 49ers won 23-17 at Dallas on Sunday; Packers had bye, lost to Lions 37-30.

#### **PLAYERS TO WATCH**

49ers: WR Deebo Samuel. The All-Pro wideout had a season-low 52 yards from scrimmage — including zero yards rushing — against the Packers back in September but has since emerged as much more of a multipurpose threat. He had 1,405 yards receiving, 365 yards rushing and 14 total touchdowns in the regular season. Samuel rushed for 72 yards and a touchdown on 10 carries and also had three

catches for 38 yards against Dallas. Packers: QB Aaron Rodgers. He threw 20 touchdown passes without an interception over his final seven games to emerge as a favorite to win his fourth MVP award. Now he has a chance to improve upon his so-so 11-9 playoff record as a starter, which includes an 0-3 mark against the

#### **KEY MATCHUP**

Packers OT David Bakhtiari vs. 49ers DE Nick Bosa: This is based on the assumption that both these guys actually play. Bakhtiari, a 2020 All-Pro, tore his anterior cruciate ligament on Dec. 31, 2020, and finally returned to action by playing 27 snaps in the Packers' regular-season finale. The Packers have been cautious with him in practice the last couple of weeks. Bosa, who recorded 15 1/2 sacks during the regular season, sustained a concussion against Dallas. Bosa has 4 1/2 sacks in four career playoff games.

Sam Farmer's pick: San Francisco is so physical and so good at establishing the run, the 49ers can play keep away. But Rodgers is the better and more experienced quarterback — playing in his element — and that's the difference. Packers 27, 49ers 20

– Wire services



Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers will look to advance to a third straight NFC title game with a win over the 49ers on Saturday at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wis.

CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

#### Martin

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energy was evident from how hard they crashed the glass, turned Butler turnovers into fast-break points and played with a purpose.

Tyrese Martin, who struggled with just two points in the first half, took over in the second, making tough 3s, finishing fast-break opportunities and playing with a burst of energy that the Huskies had lacked.

"I like the fact that he didn't have a great first half either," Hurley said. "He was able to put an OK first half behind him. He wanted the ball. He was very decisive. He looked like a confident guy that was willing to go down firing and wasn't going to be passive, attack the rim and get in the rhythm 3s."

Hurley has mastered the art of calling out his players to perform better and watching them improve their performance afterward. After Isaiah Whaley went scoreless in Tuesday's win, Hurley discussed Whaley's rough stretch of games. On Thursday, the graduate forward responded with an 11-point, 10-rebound effort along with great defense.

"He just got back to his identity. He was away for so many days on Christmas break, I just think he's just getting back into form," Hurley said.

Hurley did this earlier in the season with Akok Akok, and he responded similarly.

Here are the takeaway from the Huskies' win on Thursday night:

#### The energizer

Martin didn't look like himself in the first half of Thursday's game. The senior guard seemed lost on the court. He made multiple mistakes he doesn't typically make, along with some head-scratching turnovers. In the second half, he came out playing as a man possessed. He was everywhere on the court, diving for loose balls, making clutch 3s and energizing the whole team.

Andre Jackson previously talked about how Martin infects the team with his energy, which was evident Thursday night. UConn upped its pace with Martin leading the charge. He finished with a career-high 27 points. When Martin scores more than 15-plus points this season, UConn is 4-2.

Martin came into Thursday's game shooting 10-for-28 from the field in his previous three games. He went 11-for-17 from the field in Indianapolis. UConn needs his energy to be like this consistently and for him to be that tertiary scorer behind graduate guard R.J. Cole and sophomore forward Adama Sanogo.

"We met with Tyrese yesterday," Hurley said. "With Tyrese, it was just you are one of the better wing players in the league

TOTALS — 28-62 12-12 39 13 20 75
Three-point goals: 7-20, 35.0(Martin 4-7, Polley 2-6, Jackson 1-1, Gaffney 0-1, Akok 0-1, Whaley 0-2, Cole 0-2), FG pct: 452, FT pct: 100. Team rebounds: 2. Turnovers: 13(Jackson 4, Martin 3, Sanogo 3, Whaley, Cole, Hawkins). Blocks: 5 (Sanogo 3, Whaley, Gaffney). Steals: 4(Martin 2, Jackson, Gaffney).

| Butler   | М  | FG    | FT    | RB | A | PF | PT |
|----------|----|-------|-------|----|---|----|----|
| Thompson | 35 | 5-8   | 0-2   | 3  | 5 | 1  | 10 |
| Golden   | 29 | 3-8   | 1-2   | 2  | 0 | 4  | 8  |
| Nze      | 28 | 3-7   | 1-2   | 7  | 1 | 1  | 7  |
| Taylor   | 19 | 1-3   | 0-0   | 2  | 0 | 3  | 2  |
| Bolden   | 6  | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0  |
| Harris   | 26 | 4-10  | 6-7   | 3  | 0 | 2  | 16 |
| Lukosius | 32 | 2-8   | 4-4   | 0  | 1 | 1  | 9  |
| Hodges   | 21 | 1-4   | 2-5   | 4  | 1 | 2  | 4  |
| Groce    | 4  | 0-2   | 0-0   | 0  | 0 | 1  | 0  |
| TOTALS   | -: | 19-50 | 14-22 | 25 | 8 | 15 | 56 |

Three-point goals: 4-19, 21.1(Harris 2-6, Golden 1-4, Lukosius 1-5, Nze 0-1, Hodges 0-1, Groce 0-2). FG pct.: 38.0. FT pct.: 63.6. Team rebounds: 4. Turnovers: 12(Taylor 3, Golden 2, Nze 2, Team 2, Thompson, Lukosius, Hodges). Blocks: 1 (Hodges). Steals: 7(Thompson 2, Lukosius 2, Nze, Taylor, Harris).

| UConn                 | 24        | 51      | _   | 75      |      |
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| Butler                | 28        | 28      | -   | 56      |      |
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and you've played great the whole year playing through that cast on his thumb. ... Up until the Providence game he was going through a tough stretch. We reminded him

how good he was last night."

### Whaley getting back to identity

Whaley and Sanogo kept the struggling offense afloat in the first half. Whaley was held scoreless against Butler on Tuesday. On Thursday, he came out with something to prove. Whaley played great on-the-ball defense, starting fast breaks with his rebounds and picking his spots with his scoring. He had one block in the game, but according to KenPom analytics, he's No. 55 in Division I in block rate percentage with 8.5%. UConn needed Whaley to step up after a couple of dud games. He is a massive part of the Huskies' defense, which is tied for No. 28 in defensive

"We grabbed Isaiah today, and he had to get back to being a wrench," Hurley said.

### Sanogo's growing passing ability

There were two different times when Sanogo made a gorgeous pass to cutting UConn teammates that had fans doing a double-take. A main criticism of Sanogo has been his inability to pass out of the post and double teams. He's acknowledged that as a weakness in the past. Hurley has talked about how much work Sanogo has done in the gym. Since the COVID-19 hiatus, he has made a much more deliberate effort to pass the ball. While his assist numbers aren't amazing, they don't tell the story of how his playmaking and vision have improved. If he continues to make an emphasis to pass, it will unlock a whole new dimension to the UConn offense.

#### METS

### Club completes Showalter's coaching staff

**By Mathew Roberson** New York Daily News

The Mets' 2022 coaching staff had been coming together slowly but surely over the offseason. While most of the names have been linked to their position for weeks (and for some, months), the team made all of their hires official Friday.

The Mets announced Glenn Sherlock as Buck Showalter's bench coach, Eric Chavez as the hitting coach, Wayne Kirby as first base coach and outfield/base running coordinator, and Joey Cora as third base coach/infield instructor. Each of those four had been basically set in stone, but the organization had to tie up loose ends before making any official announcements.

Showalter is said to have

preferred Brian Butterfield — his old minor league teammate and coach with the Yankees and Diamondbacks — for an infield coaching role. According to a report from The Athletic, that idea met a quick death because Butterfield is unvaccinated against COVID-19.

"I love him to death," Showalter said of Butter-field, while also making clear that he does not agree with Butterfield's anti-vaccine stance. "If he called me tomorrow and said, 'I've changed my mind and I'll come,' I'd figure out every which way I could to get him."

Craig Bjornson is also joining the team as bullpen coach. Bjornson, who was bullpen coach for the 2017 World Series-winning Astros, immediately won a second title when he was hired by the Red Sox in 2018. The 52-year-old did not have his Boston contact renewed after the 2020 season and has been out of MLB since.

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Sherlock was on the Mets' staff from 2017-19, serving as third base coach, first base coach and catching instructor. He worked for the Pirates the past two years as game-planning coach and catching instructor.

Like Sherlock, Biornson

Like Sherlock, Bjornson had a long minor league career but never played in the majors. He had a long coaching career in the minors, though, serving as pitching coach at various stops in the Royals, Expos/Nationals, Dodgers and Rockies' systems. He also

coached in the Venezuelan Winter League from 2000-03. Bjornson, along with new assistant hitting coach Jeremy Barnes, were the lone members of the new hire group who had not been considered a foregone conclusion for their jobs.

Barnes, 34, is the youngest of the group by far. He moves from the director of player initiatives to assistant hitting coach. His previous jobs include hitting coach and hitting coordinator for Astros minor league affiliates. Barnes played professionally from 2009-2015 but only got as far as Triple A.

Jeremy Hefner is the lone holdover from the Luis Rojas regime. Hefner's survival means 2022 will be his third season as the Mets' pitching coach.



UConn's Dorka Juhasz (14) and Aaliyah Edwards battle Seton Hall's Mya Bembry for a rebound in the first half Friday at Gampel Pavilion. **CLOE POISSON/SPECIAL TO THE COURANT** 

#### **UConn**

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point

"Today [the posts] showed out, and they really came through for us," said Westbrook, who chipped in 13 points.

But Auriemma was pleased with

his group's all-around effort, even in a game where they didn't shoot great (41% from the field, 20% on 3s). The Huskies had six turnovers going into the final quarter, reflecting much sharper offensive execution. "I thought we played more as a

group, more as a unit today than we have," Auriemma said. "We were much more cohesive today than we were on Monday. Communication was better today, and the chemistry was better today.

"We made good decisions. Our guard play was really good. You can shoot poorly and still play well. And I think that's what happened today."

The Huskies' defense came through as well, limiting Seton Hall's best scorers, Lauren Park-Lane and Andra Espinoza-Hunter, to 2-for-19

shooting and 11 total points.

UConn was humming offensively early, jumping ahead 18-9 by getting out in transition and demonstrating good ball and player movement.

Though the Huskies slowed down offensively, their posts got the job done. At the half, when the Huskies led 37-21, they held a 20-6 edge in points in the paint, a 28-13 advantage on the boards and had scored 12 second-chance points. The team made just two of its 18 3-point attempts, though.

The Huskies outside of Mühl missed their first 14 3-point attempts until Caroline Ducharme sank one midway through the third. Mühl finished 3 for 7, the most she's made in a game this season. The rest of the team was 3 for 23 from the arc.

UConn pulled away in the third, leading by as many as 28 and outscoring the Pirates 19-8 behind eight points from Nelson-Ododa. The Huskies also forced six Seton Hall turnovers and ultimately held the Pirates to 17 second-half points.

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| Seton Hall    | M      | FG      | FT      | RB    | Α      | PF    | PT     |
| Cooks         | 28     | 5-12    | 0-0     | 3     | 0      | 4     | 10     |
| Espinoza-Hur  | iter 3 | 1 1-8   | 3-4     | 1     | 0      | 2     | 6      |
| Park-Lane     | 35     | 1-11    | 2-2     | 6     | 4      | 0     | 5      |
| Jackson       | 30     | 2-8     | 0-0     | 1     | 0      | 1     | 4      |
| Bembry        | 24     | 1-2     | 0-0     | 6     | 1      | 1     | 2      |
| Dean          | 22     | 2-7     | 2-2     | 5     | 0      | 2     | 6      |
| Treadwell     | 4      | 1-2     | 0-0     | 0     | 0      | 0     | 3      |
| Armstrong     | 16     | 1-3     | 0-0     | 0     | 0      | 1     | 2      |
| Wright        | 7      | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0     | 2      | 0     | 0      |
| Harris        | 3      | 0-0     | 0-0     | 0     | 0      | 1     | 0      |
| TOTALS        | - 1    | 14-53   | 7-8     | 25    | 14     | 7     | 38     |
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Three-point goals: 3-14, 21.4(Treadwell 1-2, Park-Lane 1-3 Espinoza-Hunter 1-4, Dean 0-1, Armstrong 0-1). FG pct.: 26.4. FT pct.: 87.5. Team rebounds: 3. Turnovers: 14(Park-Lane 4, Dean 3, Cooks 2, Armstrong 2, Jackson, Bembry, Wright). Blocks: 4(Armstrong 2, Cooks, Wright). Steals: 4 (Espinoza-Hunter, Bembry, Armstrong, Wright).

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| Nelson-Ododa   | 34  | 6-13   | 4-6    | 14      | 5   | 1    | 17   |
| Westbrook      | 40  | 6-14   | 0-0    | 4       | 4   | 1    | 13   |
| Juhasz         | 26  | 5-11   | 2-3    | 9       | 1   | 1    | 12   |
| Muhl           | 30  | 4-8    | 0-0    | 7       | 3   | 2    | 11   |
| Ducharme       | 30  | 2-9    | 2-2    | 6       | 2   | 2    | 7    |
| Edwards        | 28  | 3-9    | 0-0    | 8       | 0   | 2    | 6    |
| Gabriel        | 8   | 2-2    | 1-2    | 1       | 1   | 1    | 5    |
| DeBerry        | 4   | 0-2    | 0-0    | 2       | 1   | 1    | 0    |
| TOTALS         | _   | 28-68  | 9-13   | 53      | 17  | 11   | 71   |
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Ducharme 1-7, Westbrook 1-8, Edwards 0-1, Juhasz 0-2). FG pct.: 41.2. FT pct.: 69.2. Team rebounds: 2. Turnovers: 10 (Juhasz 2, Edwards 2, Gabriel 2, Nelson-Ododa, Westbrook, Ducharme, DeBerry). Blocks: 3(Nelson-Ododa 2, Westbrook). Steals: 12(Mull 4, Nelson-Ododa 3, Westbrook 2, Edwards 2, Ducharme).

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#### **Yard Goats**

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that in the years to follow."

Denorfia, who grew up in Southington, still lives there, and graduated from Choate in Wallingford, played most of his career with the Reds, A's, Padres and Cubs, ending in 2017. The Rockies hired him to manage in Hartford in 2020, his first season canceled due to the pandemic. Last season, his delayed debut, the Yard Goats finished 39-79, last in Double A Northeast, but sent two pitchers, Ryan Feltner and Julian Fernandez, to the major leagues, and many other players to Triple A.

"I'm here for the players,"

Denorfia said, "and not everybody's path is going to be a smooth shot straight up to the big leagues. Players we didn't necessarily think were going to go that far, blew us away last year. Some guys had some hiccups. So the biggest thing I learned, and we learned, is that we can't ever, and will never give up on anyone we have. As long as you've got a uniform on your back, you've always got a shot."

Elehuris Montero, Taylor Snyder, Sean Bouchard and Coco Montes were among the hitters who had productive seasons in Hartford. Pitcher Ryan Rolison, a top prospect, went up to Triple A after only three starts.

"I try to stay out of the way and

just let the game happen," Denorfia said, "and do my best to guide these guys."

Telling Feltner he was heading to the major leagues was his favorite moment. "I still remember his jaw dropping to the floor," Denorfia said.

Denorfia's staff will include hitting coach Tom Sutaris, who is returning. Former Met Blaine Beatty (pitching coach) and Luis Lopez (bench coach) are new. Kelsey Branstetter returns for her second season as athletic trainer and Mason Rook for his second as physical performance coach.

Despite the lockout that has shut down major league activity since Dec. 2, business will go on as usual for the minor leagues. If there is a settlement by the time pitchers and catchers are to report in mid-February, Denorfia would be in spring training for major league camp. If not, he'll report for minor league camp, which begins in mid-March. It's too early to tell what players the Rockies will assign to Hartford, but players who joined the Yard Goats late in the '21 season, plus those who had good seasons at Class A Spokane will likely form the core of the roster for Opening Day, April 8 against Binghamton, the Mets affiliate.

While it's enjoyable to talk baseball in the dead of winter, the lockout, and whether it will keep major league baseball from starting on time, is the troubling question mark hovering over the game. There hasn't been a lengthy work stoppage since 1994-95.

"Concerned? Not really," Denorfia said. "Curious, hopeful that it doesn't happen. But this is the side of the business that hides from us most of the time, and now it's peeking it's head out. It happens periodically. It used to happen a lot more when we were growing up. We've been really lucky that the game has gone off without a hitch for as long as it has, and this, too, is going to pass. This is just a negotiation that's not going to stop baseball from being played.

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| Florida        | 40  | 27  | 8   | 5   | 59  | 165 | 116 |
| Tampa Bay      | 41  |     | 9   |     | 59  | 141 | 117 |
| Toronto        | 37  |     | 10  |     | 51  | 126 | 99  |
| Boston         | 37  |     |     |     | 48  | 116 | 100 |
| Detroit        |     | 18  |     |     |     | 108 |     |
| Buffalo        |     | 12  |     |     | 31  | 105 |     |
| Ottawa         | 33  |     |     | _   | 24  | 94  | 121 |
| Montreal       | 39  |     |     |     | 22  | 86  | 143 |
| METRO.         | GP  | W   | L   | от  | PTS | GF  | GA  |
| N.Y. Rangers   | 40  | 26  | 10  | 4   | 56  | 119 | 99  |
| Carolina       | 36  |     | 8   |     | 54  | 126 | 81  |
| Pittsburgh     |     | 24  |     | -   | 53  | 131 | 104 |
| Washington     |     |     |     |     | 53  | 136 | 115 |
| Columbus       |     | 18  |     |     | 37  | 118 |     |
| Philadelphia   |     | 13  |     |     | 34  | 99  | 135 |
| New Jersey     | 38  |     |     |     | 33  | 108 | 133 |
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| Colorado       | 38  | 27  | 8   | 3   | 57  | 162 | 116 |
| Nashville      | 42  | 25  | 14  | 3   | 53  | 130 | 117 |
| St. Louis      | 39  | 23  | 11  | 5   | 51  | 138 | 108 |
| Minnesota      | 35  | 22  | 10  | 3   | 47  | 132 | 109 |
| Winnipeg       | 36  | 17  | 13  |     | 40  | 107 | 108 |
| Dallas         | 37  | 19  | 16  | 2   | 40  | 107 | 115 |
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FRIDAY'S RESULTS

PACIFIC

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**SATURDAY'S GAMES** Philadelphia at Buffalo, 1p.m. Winnipeg at Boston, 3p.m. Arizona at N.Y. Rangers, 7p.m. Carolina at New Jersey, 7p.m. Montreal at Colorado, 7p.m. Ottawa at Washington, 7p.m. Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 7p.m. Detroit at Nashville, 8:30p.m. Chicago at Minnesota, 9p.m. Calgary at Edmonton, 10p.m. Tampa Bay at San Jose, 10:30p.m.

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| N. Kentucky<br>at Minnesota   | 11½<br>1½                               | at IUPL  |
| at Texas Tech   | 91/2                                    | Rutger<br>West Virgini   |
| at Rhode Island1  | 51/2                                    | Geo. Wash  |
| at Delaware<br>at Florida   | 9<br>6½                                 | Elo<br>Vanderbi  |
| at Indiana St.  | 3                                       | Valparais  |
| at Auburn   | 3                                       | Kentuck  |
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| at Georgia St.  | 5                                       | Co. Carolin  |
| at Towson   | 11                                      | UNC-Wilm   |
| at Drexel<br>Brown  | 15½<br>10                               | Wm & Mar<br>at Columbi   |
| at Cornell  | 1                                       | Harvar   |
| at Miami  | 21/2                                    | Florida S  |
| Davidson<br>Bowling Green   | 10<br>7                                 | at Fordhar<br>at W. Mich   |
| at Mid Tenn   | 14                                      | So. Miss   |
| at Texas  | 81/2                                    | Oklahoma S   |
| Colorado St.<br>at UCF  | 11<br>7½                                | at Air Forc<br>Tulan   |
| Princeton   | 4                                       | at Dartmout  |
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| at Ga. Southern<br>S. Alabama   | 3                                       | ppalachian Stat<br>at LaMonro  |
| Texas-Arlington   | 21/2                                    | at UAL   |
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| at Rice<br>S. Dakota St   | 4<br>5½                                 | Charlott<br>at W. Illinoi  |
| Baylor  | 21/2                                    | at Oklahom   |
| at UNLV   | 13½<br>1½                               | San Jose S   |
| at S.F. Austin<br>at S. Carolina  | 91/2                                    | New Mex. S<br>Georgi   |
| at Miami (Ohio)   | 13                                      | N. Illinoi   |
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| at Tennessee  | 4                                       | LS   |
| at N. Texas<br>at Alabama   | 10½<br>17                               | Old Dominio<br>Missou  |
| at Clemson  | 9                                       | Pittsburg  |
| at Houston  | 191/2                                   | East Carolin   |
| USC<br>at Akron   | 6<br>10½                                | at Uta<br>E. Michgia   |
| Ball State  | 6                                       | at C. Michiga  |
| Dayton  | 21/2                                    | at Geo. Maso   |
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| at NY Islanders | off  | Toronto      | off  |
| at Colorado     | off  | Montreal     | off  |
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| Memphis            | 31          | 16  | .660 |                 |
| Dallas             | 26          | 20  | .565 | 4 1/2           |
| San Antonio        | 17          | 28  | .378 | 13              |
| New Orleans        | 17          | 28  | .378 | 13              |
| Houston            | 14          | 32  | .304 | 16 ½            |
| NORTHWEST          | W           | L   | PCT  | GB              |
| Utah               | 29          | 16  | .644 |                 |
| Denver             | 23          | 20  | .535 | 5               |
| Minnesota          | 22          | 23  | .489 | 7               |
| Portland           | 18          | 26  | .409 | $10\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Oklahoma City      | 14          | 30  | .318 | 14 ½            |
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FRIDAY'S RESULTS

L.A. Lakers L.A. Clippers

Sacramento

L.A. Clippers at Philadelphia, late L.A. Lakers at Orlando, late Oklahoma City at Charlotte, late Miami at Atlanta, late Portland at Boston, late Chicago at Milwaukee, late Toronto at Washington, late Brooklyn at San Antonio, late Detroit at Utah, late Memphis at Denver, late Houston at Golden State, late

SATURDAY'S GAMES Sacramento at Milwaukee, 7p.m. Oklahoma City at Cleveland, 8p.m. Indiana at Phoenix, 9p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES L.A. Clippers at New York, 1p.m. Boston at Washington, 3:30p.m. Chicago at Orlando, 6p.m. L.A. Lakers at Miami, 6p.m. Portland at Toronto, 6p.m. Atlanta at Charlotte, 7p.m. Philadelphia at San Antonio, 7p.m. Memphis at Dallas, 7:30p.m. Brooklyn at Minnesota, 8p.m. Detroit at Denver, 8p.m. Utah at Golden State, 8:30p.m.

THURSDAY'S RESULTS New Orleans 102, New York 91 Phoenix 109, Dallas 101 Indiana 121, Golden State 117(OT)

#### NFL PLAYOFFS

DIVISIONAL PLAYOFF ROUND SATURDAY'S GAMES

No. 4 Cincinnati (11-7) at No. 1Tennessee (12-5), 4:30p.m. No. 6 San Francisco (11-7) at No. 1 Green Bay (13-4), 8:15p.m. SUNDAY'S GAMES

No. 4 L.A. Rams (13-5) at No. 2Tampa Bay (14-4), 3p.m. No. 3Buffalo (12-6) at No. 2 Kansas City (13-5), 6:30p.m.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS Sunday, Jan. 30 AFC Championship Game, 3:10p.m. NFC Championship Game, 6:40p.m.

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#### DIVISIONAL ROUND TOP PERFORMERS

| PASSING YARDS     | DATE       | TM  | YD |
|-------------------|------------|-----|----|
| Bernie Kosar      | 1987-01-03 | CLE | 48 |
| B. Roethlisberger | 2018-01-14 | PIT | 46 |
| Drew Brees        | 2012-01-14 | NOR | 46 |
| Dan Fouts         | 1982-01-02 | SDG | 43 |
| Jeff George       | 2000-01-16 | MIN | 42 |
| R. Cunningham     | 1988-12-31 | PHI | 40 |
| Jim Kelly         | 1990-01-06 | BUF | 40 |
| Don Strock        | 1982-01-02 | MIA | 40 |
| Peyton Manning    | 2008-01-13 | IND | 40 |
| Kurt Warner       | 2000-01-16 | STL | 39 |
| Deshaun Watson    | 2020-01-12 | HOU | 38 |
| Russell Wilson    | 2013-01-13 | SEA | 38 |
| Tom Brady         | 2015-01-10 | NWE | 36 |
| RUSH YARDS        | DATE       | тм  | ΥD |
| Eric Dickerson*   | 1986-01-04 | RAM | 24 |
| L. McCutcheon     | 1975-12-27 | RAM | 20 |
| Ryan Grant        | 2008-01-12 | GNB | 20 |
| Terrell Davis     | 1999-01-09 | DEN | 19 |
| Derrick Henry     | 2020-01-11 | TEN | 19 |
| John Riggins      | 1983-01-15 | WAS | 18 |
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| C. Kaepernick    | 2013-01-12 | SFO | 18  |
| Priest Holmes    | 2004-01-11 | KAN | 17  |
| Le'Veon Bell     | 2017-01-15 | PIT | 17  |
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| RECEIVING YDS    | DATE       | TM  | YDS |
| Anthony Carter   | 1988-01-09 | MIN | 22  |
| Steve Smith Sr.  | 2006-01-15 | CAR | 218 |
| Tom Fears        | 1950-12-17 | RAM | 198 |
| Randy Moss       | 2000-01-16 | MIN | 188 |
| Fred Biletnikoff | 1968-12-22 | OAK | 180 |
| Vernon Davis     | 2012-01-14 | SFO | 180 |
| Steve Watson     | 1984-12-30 | DEN | 17  |
| Larry Fitzgerald |            | ARI | 170 |
| Charlie Brown    | 1984-01-01 | WAS | 17  |
| Michael Thomas   |            | NOR | 17  |
| Wesley Walker    | 1983-01-15 | NYJ | 169 |
| Larry Fitzgerald | 2009-01-10 | ARI | 16  |
| Kellen Winslow   | 1982-01-02 | SDG | 16  |
| Hakeem Nicks     | 2012-01-02 | NYG | 16  |
|                  |            |     |     |
| Art Monk         | 1991-01-12 | WAS | 16  |
| Steve Smith Sr.  | 2004-01-10 | CAR | 16  |
| Davante Adams    | 2020-01-12 | GNB | 16  |
| John Stallworth  | 1978-12-30 | PIT | 15  |

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| Liverpool       |           | 13 | 6  |    | 55 |     | 4   |
| Chelsea         |           | 12 | 8  |    | 46 |     | 4   |
| West Ham        |           | 11 |    |    | 41 |     | 3   |
| Tottenham       | 19        | 11 | 3  | 5  | 26 | 22  | 36  |
| Arsenal         | 20        | 11 | 2  | 7  | 33 | 25  |     |
| Man United      | 21        | 10 | 5  | 6  | 35 | 30  | 3   |
| Wolverhampton   | 20        | 9  | 4  | 7  | 17 | 15  | 3:  |
| Brighton        | 21        | 6  | 11 | 4  | 22 | 22  | 29  |
| Leicester       | 19        | 7  | 4  | 8  | 33 | 36  | 25  |
| Crystal Palace  | 21        | 5  | 9  | 7  | 30 | 31  | 24  |
| Southampton     | 21        | 5  | 9  | 7  | 25 | 33  | 24  |
| Aston Villa     | 20        | 7  | 2  | 11 | 27 | 32  | 23  |
| Brentford       | 22        | 6  | 5  | 11 | 25 | 36  | 23  |
| Leeds           | 20        | 5  | 7  | 8  | 24 | 39  | 22  |
| Everton         | 19        | 5  | 4  | 10 | 24 | 34  | 19  |
| Norwich         | 22        | 4  | 4  | 14 | 13 | 45  | 16  |
| Watford         | 20        | 4  | 2  | 14 | 23 | 40  | 14  |
| Newcastle       | 20        | 1  | 9  | 10 | 20 | 43  | 12  |
| Burnley         | 17        | 1  | 8  | 8  | 16 | 27  | 1   |
| FRIDAY'S RESULT | г         |    |    |    |    |     |     |

FRIDAY'S RESULT Norwich 3, Watford 0

SATURDAY'S MATCHES Everton vs. Aston Villa, 7:30a.m. Brentford vs. Wolverhampton, 10a.m. Leeds vs. Newcastle, 10a.m. Man United vs. West Ham, 10a.m. Southampton vs. Man City, 12:30p.m.

SUNDAY'S MATCHES Arsenal vs. Burnley, 9a.m. Crystal Palace vs. Liverpool, 9a.m. Leicester vs. Brighton, 9a.m. Chelsea vs. Tottenham, 11:30a.m.

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110TH AUSTRALIAN OPEN Friday at Melbourne Park, Melb Australia, outdoors-hard **MEN'S THIRD-ROUND SINGLES** 

Radu Albot, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4. #6Rafael Nadal d. #28Karen Khachanov, 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1. #7Matteo Berrettini d. #31Carlos Alcaraz, 6-2, 7-6(3), 4-6, 2-6, 7-6(5). #14Denis Shapovalov d. #23Reilly Opelka, 7-6(4), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. #17Gael Monfils, d. #16Cristian Garin, 7-6(4), 6-1, 6-3. Adrian Mannarino d. #18Aslan Karatsev, 7-6(4), 6-7(4), 7-5, 6-4. #19Pablo Carreno Busta d. Sebastian Korda, 6-4, 7-5, 6-7(6), 6-3. Miomir Kecmanovic d. #25Lorenzo Sonego, 6-4, 6-7(8), 6-2, 7-5.

#4Stefanos Tsitsipas vs. Benoit Paire, late WOMEN'S THIRD-ROUND SINGLES #1Ashleigh Barty d. #30Camila Giorgi, 6-2, 6-3, #4Barbora Krejcikova d. #26Jelena Ostapenko, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4. #5Maria Sakkari d. #28Veronika Kudermetova, 6-4, 6-1. #8Paula Badosa d. Marta Kostyuk, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4. Amanda Anisimova d. #13Naomi Osaka, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6(5). #24Victoria Azarenka d. #15Elina Svitolina, 6-0, 6-2. #21Jessica Pegula d. Nuria Parrizas Diaz, Spain, 7-6(3), 6-2. Madison Keys d. Wang Qiang, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6(2). #2Aryna Sabalenka vs. #31 Marketa Vondrousova, late #14Simona Halep vs. Danka Kovinic, late #19Elise Mertens vs.

#### Kaia Kanepi vs. Maddison Inglis, late

Zhang Shuai, late

#29Danielle Collins vs.

Alize Cornet, late

ClaraTauson, late #29Tamara Zidansek vs.

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL MEN'S AP TO 25 FARED** No. 1 Gonzaga (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Loyola Marymount, Thursday. No. 2 Auburn (17-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Kentucky, Saturday. No. 3 Arizona (15-1) did not play. Next: at California, Sunday. No. 4 Purdue (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Sunday. No. 5 Baylor (16-2) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma, Saturday No. 6 Duke (14-3) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse, Saturday.
No. 7 Kansas (15-2) did not play. Next: at Kansas St., Saturday. No. 8 Wisconsin (15-2) vs. No. 14 Michi-

gan St. Next: at Nebraska, Tuesday. No. 9 UCLA (12-2) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Houston (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. East Carolina, Saturday. No. 11 Villanova (13-5) did not play. Next: at Georgetown, Saturday No. 12 Kentucky (15-3) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Auburn, Saturday. No. 13 LSU (15-3) did not play. Next: at No. 24 Tennessee, Saturday. No. 14 Michigan St. (14-3) at No. 8 Wisconsin. Next: at No. 17 Illinois. Tue No. 15 Iowa St. (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Saturday.

No. 16 Southern Cal (15-2) did not play. Next: at Utah, Saturday.
No. 17 Illinois (13-5) lost to Maryland 81-65. Next: vs. No. 14 Michigan St., Tue. No. 18 Texas Tech (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. West Virginia, Saturday. No. 19 Ohio St. (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Saturday. No. 20 Xavier (14-3) did not play. Next: at Marguette, Sunday No. 21 Providence (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. UConn, Sunday.

No. 22 Loyola Chicago (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri St., Saturday. No. 23 Texas (13-5) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma St., Saturday No. 24 Tennessee (12-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 LSU, Saturday. No. 25 UConn (13-4) did not play. Next:

Mount St. Mary's 98, Sacred Heart 59 St. Francis (NY) 80, Fairleigh Dickinson 78 St. Francis (Pa.) 68, CCSU 67 MIDWEST Fort Wayne 86, Robert Morris 62 Illinois St. 94, Evansville 56 Toledo 87, Ohio 69

FRIDAY'S SCORES

Bryant 79, Merrimack 63

SOUTHWEST Schreiner 90, Colorado College 65 POINTS PER GAME SCHOOL

MEN'S INDIVIDUAL LEADERS Antoine Davs Keegan Murray Det Mercy Iowa Darius McGhee Liberty Oral Roberts 22.9 Wisconsin 22.1 Max Abrams Johnny Davis Malachi Smith Chattanooga21.5 **WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED** No. 1 South Carolina (17-1) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Monday.

No. 2 Stanford (13-3) vs. California. Next: at California, Sunday. No. 3 Louisville (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Sunday. No. 4 NC State (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech. Sundav. No. 5 Tennessee (17-1) did not play. Next: at No. 13 Georgia, Sunday. No. 6 Indiana (14-2) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Thursday, Jan. 27.
No. 7 Iowa St. (16-2) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Baylor, Sunday No. 8 Michigan (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Monday. No. 9 UConn (10-4) beat Seton Hall 71-38. Next: at St. John's, Sunday. No. 10 Arizona (12-2) vs. Utah. Next: vs. No. 11 LSU (17-2) did not play. Next: at Florida, Sunday.

No. 12 Maryland (12-6) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Sunday.
No. 13 Georgia (15-3) did not play.
Next: vs. No. 5 Tennessee, Sunday. No. 14 Oklahoma (16-2) did not play. Next: at Kansas St., Sunday. No. 15 Texas (13-3) did not play. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
No. 15 Baylor (12-4) did not play. Next: No. 17 BYU (14-1) did not play. Next: vs. San Diego, Saturday.
No. 18 Georgia Tech (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 20 North Carolina, Sunday No. 19 Notre Dame (13-4) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Sunday, No. 20 North Carolina (15-2) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Georgia Tech, Sun. No. 21 Duke (12-4) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia, Sunday. No. 22 Colorado (13-2) at Arizona St. Next: at No. 10 Arizona, Sunday, No. 23 Kentucky (8-6) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi, Sunday. No. 24 Florida Gulf Coast (16-1) did not play. Next: at Jacksonville St., Sat. No. 25 Iowa (11-4) did not play. Next: at Penn St., Tuesday,

FRIDAY'S SCORES

Bryant 73, Merrimack 67 Creighton 80, Georgetown 70 Fairleigh Dickinson 72, St. Francis (NY) 62 LIU Brooklyn 53, Wagner 50 Mount St. Mary's 60, Sacred Heart 51 Northeastern 68, Elon 52 Saint Joseph's 77, St. Bonaventure 70 St. Francis (Pa.) 69, CCSU 59 UConn 71, Seton Hall 38 Vermont 77, Hartford 60 Villanova 71, Providence 56 William & Mary 56, Hofstra 48 Coll. of Charleston 88, Towson 72 Fordham 63, Davidson 51
James Madison 57, UNC-Wilmington 56 La Salle 63, George Mason 53 MIDWEST
DePaul 103, Butler 69 Drake 65, N. Iowa 57 IUPUI 82, III. Chicago 44 Indiana St. 85, Valparaiso 65

Marquette 65, Xavier 46

Hawaii 69, CS Bakersfield 52

Tom Hoge

**PGA: THE AMERICAN EXPRESS** 2nd of 4 rounds in La Quinta, Calif. PGA West; 7,060 yards; Par 72; PGA West-Stadium Course; 7,147 yards; Par 72; PGA West-Nicklaus Tournament Course; 7,181 yards; Par 72 Patrick Cantlay 62-

65-66-131 -13

| Tom Hoge<br>Will Zalatoris  | 65-66—131 -13<br>71-61—132 -12  |
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| Lanto Griffin   | 71-61—132 -12<br>67-65—132 -12  |
| Greyson Sigg  |   |
| Cameron Young   | 65-67—132 -12<br>64-68—132 -12  |
| Joseph Bramlett   | 65-67-132 -12   |
| Sam Ryder   | 65-68-133 -11   |
| Roger Sloan<br>Zach Johnson   | 66-67—133 -11<br>67-66—133 -11  |
| Paul Barjon   |   |
| Denny McCarthy  | 66-67—133 -11<br>67-67—134 -10  |
| Harold Varner III   | 68-66-134 -10   |
| Brandt Snedeker   | 65-69-134 -10   |
| Patton Kizzire  | 67-67-134 -10   |
| Lee Hodges  | 62-72-134 -10   |
| Vince Whaley<br>Harry Higgs   | 70-64—134 -10<br>66-68—134 -10  |
| Wyndham Clark   | 65-69—134 -10   |
| Seamus Power  | 65-69—134 -10   |
| Sahith Theegala   | 72-62-134 -10   |
| Aaron Rai   | 67-67-134 -10   |
| Francesco Molinari  | 67-67—134 -10<br>67-68—135 -9   |
| David Lipsky  | 67-68—135 -9<br>70-65—135 -9  |
| Hudson Swafford<br>Lucas Glover   | 70-65—135 -9<br>66-69—135 -9  |
| K.H. Lee  | 64-71—135 -9  |
| Davis Riley   | 66-69—135 -9  |
| Doug Ghim   | 67-68-135 -9  |
| Graeme McDowell   | 67-68—135 -9<br>66-69—135 -9  |
| Jared Wolfe   | 70-65—135 -9  |
| Bronson Burgoon<br>Andrew Putnam  | 66-70—136 -8<br>70-66—136 -8  |
| Stephen Stallings Jr.   | 70-66—136 -8<br>69-67—136 -8  |
| Si Woo Kim  | 68-68-136 -8  |
| Michael Gligic  | 68-68-136 -8<br>68-68-136 -8  |
| Adam Svensson   | 69-67-136 -8  |
| Sepp Straka   | 67-69—136 -8  |
| Anirban Lahiri  | 69-67—136 -8  |
| Kevin Chappell<br>Henrik Norlander  | 67-69—136 -8  |
| Sungjae Im  | 69-67—136 -8<br>69-67—136 -8  |
| Emiliano Grillo   | 71-65—136 -8  |
| Chris Stroud  | 69-67—136 -8  |
| Jon Rahm  | 69-67—136 -8<br>66-70—136 -8  |
| Taylor Moore  | 66-70-136 -8  |
| Hank Lebioda  | 68-69—137 -7<br>70-67—137 -7  |
| Jason Dufner<br>Danny Lee   | 70-67—137 -7<br>65-72—137 -7  |
| Brian Harman  | 67-70—137 -7  |
| Camilo Villegas   | 69-68—137 -7  |
| Martin Trainer  | 66-71-137 -7  |
| Charles Howell III  | 69-68—137 -7<br>67-70—137 -7  |
| Russell Henley  | 67-70—137 -7  |
| Alex Noren<br>Alex Smalley  | 70-67—137 -7<br>67-70—137 -7  |
| Christiaan Bezuidenhoi  | ut66-72—138 -6  |
| J.T. Poston   | 69-69-138 -6  |
| Nick Taylor   | 69-69-138 -6  |
| Curtis Thompson   | 69-69-138 -6  |
| Trey Mullinax   | 70-68-138 -6  |
| Callum Tarren   | 69-69-138 -6<br>69-69-138 -6  |
| Matthew NeSmith<br>Doc Redman   | 69-69—138 -6<br>71-67—138 -6  |
| Russell Knox  | 70-68—138 -6  |
| Kramer Hickok   | 72-66—138 -6  |
| Abraham Ancer   | 67-71-138 -6  |
| Tyler Duncan  | 69-69-138 -6  |
| Patrick Rodgers   | 70-68—138 -6  |
| Peter Malnati   | 71-68—139 -5  |
| Brice Garnett<br>Pat Perez  | 68-71—139 -5<br>69-70—139 -5  |
| Seung-Yul Noh   |   |
| Adam Schenk   | 68-71-139 -5  |
|   | 68-71—139 -5  |
| Cameron Tringale  | 68-71—139 -5<br>72-67—139 -5<br>74-65—139 -5  |
| Cameron Tringale<br>Chez Reavie   | 68-71—139 -5<br>72-67—139 -5<br>74-65—139 -5<br>72-67—139 -5  |
| Cameron Tringale<br>Chez Reavie<br>C.T. Pan   | 68-71—139 -5<br>72-67—139 -5<br>74-65—139 -5<br>72-67—139 -5  |
| Cameron Tringale<br>Chez Reavie<br>C.T. Pan<br>Scottie Scheffler  | 68-71-139 -5<br>72-67-139 -5<br>74-65-139 -5<br>72-67-139 -5<br>68-71-139 -5<br>69-70-139 -5  |
| Cameron Tringale<br>Chez Reavie<br>C.T. Pan<br>Scottie Scheffler<br>Nick Hardy  | 68-71-139 -5<br>72-67-139 -5<br>74-65-139 -5<br>72-67-139 -5<br>68-71-139 -5<br>68-71-139 -5  |
| Cameron Tringale<br>Chez Reavie<br>C.T. Pan<br>Scottie Scheffler  | 68-71-139 -5<br>72-67-139 -5<br>74-65-139 -5<br>72-67-139 -5<br>68-71-139 -5<br>68-71-139 -5  |
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#### LATE THURSDAY: MITSUBISHI ELECTRIC 1st of 3 rounds: Hualalai Golf Club:

| Ernie Els            | 32-32-64             | -8  |
|----------------------|----------------------|-----|
| Vijay Singh          |                      | -7  |
| Stephen Ames         | 32-33-65<br>33-33-66 | -6  |
| Steven Alker         | 32-34-66             | -6  |
| Retief Goosen        | 34-32-66             | -6  |
| Darren Clarke        | 34-32-66             | -6  |
| Bernhard Langer      | 34-32-66<br>33-33-66 | -6  |
| Michael Allen        | 34-33-67             | -5  |
| Brett Quigley        | 33-34-67             | -5  |
| Jeff Maggert         | 34-33-67             | -5  |
| K.J. Choi            | 32-35-67             | -5  |
| David Toms           | 33-34-67             | -5  |
| Jim Furyk            | 34-33-67             | -5  |
| Miguel Angel Jimenez | 34-33-67             | -5  |
| Cameron Beckman      | 35-33-68             | -4  |
| Shane Bertsch        | 35-33-68             | -4  |
| Dicky Pride          | 34-34-68             | -4  |
| Lee Janzen           | 34-34-68             | -4  |
| Doug Barron          | 35-34-69             | -3  |
| Corey Pavin          | 34-35-69             | -3  |
| Jeff Sluman          | 35-34-69             | -3  |
| Paul Broadhurst      | 32-37-69             | -3  |
| Jay Haas             | 36-33-69             | -3  |
| Mike Weir            | 35-34-69             | -3  |
| Joe Durant           |                      | -2  |
| Scott Parel          | 37-33-70<br>38-32-70 | -2  |
| Rod Pampling         | 35-35-70             | -2  |
| Olin Browne          | 34-37-71             | -1  |
| Ken Tanigawa         |                      | -1  |
| Larry Mize           | 37-34-71<br>36-35-71 | -1  |
| Alex Cejka           | 35-36-71             | -1  |
| Jerry Kelly          | 37-34-71             | -1  |
| Fred Funk            | 37-35-72             | Е   |
| Mark Calcavecchia    | 37-35-72<br>39-33-72 | Ε   |
| John Dalv            | 35-37-72             | Е   |
| Mark O'Meara         | 37-35-72             | Е   |
| Tom Lehman           | 36-37-73             | +1  |
| Scott McCarron       | 36-37—73<br>39-34—73 | +1  |
| Rocco Mediate        | 36-38-74             | +2  |
| David Duval          | 37-37-74             | +2  |
| Tom Watson           |                      |     |
| Stephen Dodd         | 37-41-78<br>44-41-85 | +13 |
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| 2nd of 4 rounds, Lake N |           |     |
| CC,Orlando, Fla., 6,617 |           |     |
| Nelly Korda             | 68-66-134 |     |
| Danielle Kang           | 68-67-135 | -9  |
| Gaby Lopez              | 67-68-135 | -9  |
| Jessica Korda           | 69-67-136 | -8  |
| Celine Boutier          | 70-67-137 | -7  |
| Brooke Henderson        | 69-68-137 | -7  |
| Inbee Park              | 71-67—138 | -6  |
| Yuka Saso               | 68-70-138 | -6  |
| Matilda Castren         | 73-66-139 | -5  |
| Lydia Ko                | 71-68-139 | -5  |
| Stacy Lewis             | 70-69-139 | -5  |
| Ally Ewing              | 71-69-140 | -4  |
| Ryann O'Toole           | 68-72-140 | -4  |
| Pajaree Anannarukarn    | 69-72-141 | -3  |
| Madelene Sagstrom       | 70-71-141 | -3  |
| Patty Tavatanakit       | 70-71-141 | -3  |
| Georgia Hall            | 70-72-142 | -2  |
| Nasa Hataoka            | 71-71-142 | -2  |
| Sophia Popov            | 72-70-142 | -2  |
| A Lim Kim               | 74-70-144 | Ε   |
| Moriya Jutanugarn       | 75-70-145 | +1  |
| Mel Reid                | 73-72-145 | +1  |
| Angela Stanford         | 72-73-145 | +1  |
| Ariya Jutanugarn        | 74-72-146 | +2  |
| Anna Nordqvist          | 76-73-149 | +5  |
| Michelle Wie West       | 71-78-149 | +5  |
| Austin Ernst            | 74-76-150 | +6  |
| Hee Young Park          | 76-75-151 | +7  |
| Mirim Lee               | 77-77-154 | +10 |
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DP WORLD TOUR HSBC CHAMPIONSHIP Suspended 2nd of 4 rounds at Yas Links, Abu Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 7,425 yards, Par 72, a-amateur

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| Suspended for Dark,    | 38 players DNF |    |
| Scott Jamieson         | 63-74-137      | -7 |
| Viktor Hovland         | 64-74-138      | -6 |
| Ian Poulter            | 66-72-138      | -6 |
| Takumi Kanaya          | 66-73-139      | -5 |
| Thomas Pieters         | 65-74-139      | -5 |
| Shane Lowry            | 67-72-139      | -5 |
| Alexander Bjork        | 68-71-139      | -5 |
| Erik Van Rooyen        | 69-71-140      | -4 |
| Jeff Winther           | 71-69-140      | -4 |
| Rafa Cabrera Bello     | 69-71-140      | -4 |
| Victor Perez           | 66-74-140      | -4 |
| Andrea Pavan           | 69-72-141      | -3 |
| Nicolai Hojgaard       | 70-72-142      | -2 |
| Adam Scott             | 70-72-142      | -2 |
| Dale Whitnell          | 68-74-142      | -2 |
| Kristoffer Broberg     | 69-74-143      | -1 |
| Nacho Elvira           | 69-74-143      | -1 |
| Jordan Smith           | 71-72-143      | -1 |
| Tyrrell Hatton         | 66-77-143      | -1 |
| Daniel Gavins          | 69-74-143      | -1 |
| Matthew Southgate      | 70-73-143      | -1 |
| David Law              | 69-75-144      | Е  |
| Tommy Fleetwood        | 68-76-144      | Е  |
| Dadraia Harrington     | 73-71-144      |    |



A person wearing a face shield walks past the Olympic rings on Wednesday inside the main media center at the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing. DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

**OLYMPICS** COMMENTARY

## Beijing pitch rings hollow

By Jim Litke Associated Press

The Olympic Charter runs 112 pages and reads like something Gwyneth Paltrow would have written if she were in charge of the Games instead of Goop.

"The goal of Olympism," the charter reads, "is to place sport at the service of the harmonious development of humankind, with a view to promoting a peaceful society concerned with the preservation of human dignity.'

OK, forget about all that high-minded stuff. The International Olympic Committee and their Chinese handlers abandoned any such appeals not long after the bid was awarded in 2015. Forget about all the human-rights abuses in the host nation since then, too. With two weeks left until opening ceremonies, the sales pitch has been pared down to "the Games must go on," because we all need a diversion right about now.

True enough. What the hosts still won't say is what they hope to divert your attention from.

To be sure, the Games will go on because ... well, because of all the money plowed in beforehand and all the renminbi to be vacuumed up still. They should go on, too, because of all those years of sacrifice by thousands of athletes and officials for their shot at a moment of glory in the glistening winter sun. To deny them that chance, at this late date, serves no one's purpose.

But if you thought last summer's Olympics were hollowed out, just wait.

In just the past 10 days or so, athletes were threatened by the organizing committee with "certain punishments" for saying or doing anything that would offend their Chinese hosts, which experience suggests could be ... literally anything. Several delegations urged anyone headed to Beijing to take "burner" phones instead of their personal devices because of concerns over government spying. Ticket sales to events were canceled, meaning the few spectators the organizing committee allows to attend will be there by invitation only. Even that modest attendance goal won't be easy in a nation where more than 20 million were under some form of lockdown as China tries to quell COVID-19 outbreaks.

Rushing back to Beijing for another Olympics was a bad idea from the get-go. That was in 2015, when the stink of Russia's doping-and-corruption-addled Sochi Games still lingered. A halfdozen potential European bidders dropped out, leaving the bid committee with only one other choice. That was Almaty, Kazakhstan, a country every bit as authoritarian but nowhere near as rich. Deservedly, the IOC and China have been on the defensive.

It was China's bad luck to land the Winter Games in what turned out to be the time of COVID. But the hosts turned those Olympic ideals on their head.

The regime in Beijing is enslaving Uyghur Muslims in Xinjiang province, crushing dissent in Hong Kong, threatening neighboring Taiwan, and was accused recently of "disappearing" tennis star Peng Shuai after she made a sexual assault allegation against a close ally of President Xi Jinping.

There will be no shortage of glorious sports moments on the stage in Beijing. If you want them served up with a side of "social responsibility" and "respect," look elsewhere.

#### IN BRIEF

#### Titans activate Henry for playoff matchup

News services

The Titans will have Derrick Henry on the field for their AFC divisional game with the Bengals after moving the NFL's 2019 and 2020 rushing leader from injured reserve to the active roster.

The Titans (12-5) made the roster move Friday after watching Henry practice since Jan. 5.

Henry, 28, broke his right foot Oct. 31 and had the break repaired with a steel plate Nov. 2. Henry was the NFL's rushing leader when placed on injured reserve. Despite missing the final nine games, Henry finished as the league's ninth-leading rusher with 937 yards.

The prospect of having Henry back on the field against the Bengals (11-7) has had his teammates thrilled. Henry ranks second all-time averaging 111.7 yards rushing in the postseason.

"Adding Derrick to the mix, if that happens, is exciting," left tackle Taylor Lewan said Thursday. "However, ... just because 22's in the game doesn't mean we're going to automatically win." ■ The Packers have

boosted their pass rush for the postseason by activating outside linebackers Za'Darius Smith and Whitney Mercilus from injured reserve. ... Rams will not have left tackle Andrew Whitworth or safety Taylor Rapp available against the Bucs.

Golf: Nelly Korda shot 6-under 66 at Lake Nona on Friday to take a one-shot lead over Gaby Lopez and Danielle Kang at the midway point of the Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions. ... Patrick Cantlay fought through gusting wind on his back nine Friday to take a one-stroke lead into the weekend at The American Express in a bid to win for the third time in four

Soccer: Jordan Morris, Tim Weah, Sergiño Dest and Gyasi Zardes returned from injuries to make the U.S. roster ahead of the next three World Cup qualifiers, while Gio Reyna, Gianluca Busio and Aaron Long missed out.

### MOTORING



With a Sasquatch package that adds 35-inch tires, twin-locking differentials and touch springs, the 2021 Ford Bronco can go just about anywhere. HENRY PAYNE/THE DETROIT NEWS PHOTOS

### Off-road beast showdown

Ford Bronco Sasquatch and Land Rover Defender 90 face off at a snowy ORV park

**By Henry Payne** The Detroit News

OLLY, Michigan – What's better than taking an off-road beast over snowbound Holly Oaks ORV Park? Taking two off-road beasts.

 $I\, flogged\, the\, Land$ Rover Defender 90 and Ford Bronco First Edition two-door models over southeast Michigan's premier adventure park for grins — and to see how the two warriors compared. The Bronco has wowed in comparison tests with its

arch-rival Jeep Wrangler. But so good is Bronco that it also matches up against His Highness of Rugged Royalty, Land Rover.

It's good to have the Brit and Bronc back. They are iconic names that disappeared from the U.S. market for years. Defender last sold here in 1997, the Bronco 1996. Credit Wrangler's wild success as a brand halo for Jeep in the Age of Ute for bringing these two legends out of retirement.

Like Wrangler, Defender and Bronco have their roots in World War II. They were first built as rugged, battle-ready General Purpose (GP – or Jeep for short) vehicles. But the Brit and Yank have diverged dramatically since then. Aimed at Land Rover's First Class clientele, Defender now rides on a — la-de-da — air suspension and crisp unibody SUV chassis contrary to the truck-based bruiser of safari legend. The Americans are still based on ladder frames and can be stripped naked of their doors and roof to get even closer to Mother Nature.

Wrangler and Broncos are natural predators and will be hunting each

other for years across Holly Oaks and other U.S. adventure parks. But, in a challenge to Jeep, Bronco has updated the off-road formula with state-of-theart tech — rotary mode shifter, single-button swaybar disconnect, fully digital instrument displays, independent front suspension.

Its sophistication not only challenges Jeep - but puts it in the same neighborhood as Land Rover for

A consistent theme of these columns is how the the gap between luxe and mainstream (see Mazda CX-50 vs. BMW 2-series. VW Golf R vs. Audi S3, Corvette vs. Porsche), and Rover v. Bronco is another example. Game on.

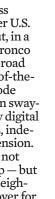
Punching the Rover 90's 395-horse, supercharged-and-turbocharged inline-6 across Holly Oaks' frozen tundra, I slewed the 5,000-pound beast into The Sandbox — an undulating sea of sand that tests vehicles' stability and strength. The Defender was solid as a rock (despite an eerie wail from the brakes which my pal, Tom - riding shotgun – surmised was sand in the discs) on its unibody

The unibody choice raised eyebrows at the Rover's introduction in 2019 — Heresy! Off with the engineers' heads! — but it's more rigid than the old ladder frame and never flinched through Holly Oaks' unsparing terrain.

Defender knows its clientele. For all its off-road chops, Land Rovers are show horses. They spend their time ferrying its occupants to country clubs, not ORV parks.

Roll out onto the Holly Oaks battlefield and Rover intuitively recognizes the incongruity of the task at

"Um, do you really know what you're doing? I'll take it from here."



\$20,000 less. electronics age has shrunk



The 2021 Land Rover Defender 90 is comfortable on and off-road, but its electronics keep a tight rein on the SUV's abilities.

What ensues is a heavily managed trip around the grounds, the 90's electronics always present to ensure you don't get too far over your skis. For clearance over rocks Defender's air suspension rises to 11.5 inches.

The big rotary dial on the dash allows easy access to Defender's multiple modes: auto, grass/gravel/ snow, mud, sand, rock crawl. But no matter the mode, Defender won't let you tune the nannies off. As our friends at Car and Driver put it: "Non-defeatable stability control occasionally stifles off-roading."

The Bronco wants you to push the envelope. Four exposed tow hooks come standard — on the Rover. exposed tow hooks are optional. That tells you something.

Bronco achieves its 11.5-inch ride height the old-fashioned way — by slapping on huge 35-inch Goodyear Territory tires, part of a Sasquatch package that includes dual-locking differentials and performance shocks.

The heck with air suspension, these balloons with teeth not only jack up the car, they can claw up Rushmore's face. Ford encourages its drivers to play with the firepower on hand. High on the dash are buttons to turn off stability control, disconnect sway bars, turn on lockers, even toggle Turn Assist for extra-tight turning radius.

The Ford swaggered up to Holly Oaks' intimidating, snowy, slick Mt. Magna rock face. With 43-degree approach angle, lockers on and sway bar disconnected, I waltzed up Magna as easy as Gretzky stuffing a power-play goal.

The Defender struggled. Never mind its lack of suspension articulation (the Defender doesn't offer sway bar disconnect), traction control forced multiple attempts to find grip. Its 37.5-degree approach angle and 32-inch Goodyear Wrangler tires also were relatively limited.

Oh, how I pined for Bronc's button controls and Territory 35s. The sequence repeated itself across Holly Oaks - the Ford attacking, the Rover managing. Ultimately, the Bronco's incredible capabilities took me places the Defender wouldn't dare.

How different might "No Time to Die" have turned out if the bad guys had Sasquatch package to pursue Bond?

The beauty of the Ford is that, thanks to modern electronics, its controls are as easy to use as Rover's. The Bronco's horizontal all-digital dash is surprisingly similar to the luxe Rover — then Bronco ups the ante with a giant center screen and wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto.

Drive modes - normal, eco, sport, mud/ruts, slippery, sand/snow, rock crawl and Baja — are accessed via similar rotary dial. No muscling a second transfer case shifter as in Wrangler. Modes are then refined using the aforementioned dash buttons.

Bronco also matches Rover for visual drama. The two-doors are athletic looking – the Defender in Pangea Green, the Ford in Area 51 Blue — compared with four-door models.

Hit the gas in the 330-horse Bronco and the turbo V-6 hits 60 mph in 6.3 seconds, but with a

If you want a ruggedlooking Land Rover, the \$66,000 Defender is the summit. If you want to go off-roading, the \$49,000 Bronco is the bomb.

And you can put the 17 grand you save toward a \$21K Ford Maverick pickup.

### Ford Maverick, Bronco win truck, utility vehicle of the year awards

**By Tom Krisher** Associated Press

DETROIT - For the second year in a row, vehicles from Ford Motor Co. took two of the three North American Car, Truck and Utility of the Year awards.

The company's Maverick compact pickup won truck of the year, while its Bronco off-road SUV earned the utility of the year. Honda's redesigned Civic compact

car won the car of the year. Fifty automotive jour-

nalists from the U.S. and Canada are judges for the three awards, which are announced every January. They're chosen from dozens of candidates and must be new or substantially changed for the current model year. Automakers often use the awards in advertising.

The judges evaluate finalists on value, innovation, design, performance, safety, technology and driver satisfaction. The selection process started

last summer.

In addition to the Bronco, Utility of the Year finalists included the GV70 from Hyundai's Genesis luxury brand, and the Hyundai Ioniq 5 electric

Truck finalists included the Maverick as well as its main small pickup competitor, the Hyundai Santa Cruz. Also included was the Rivian R1T pickup from the electric vehicle startup.

In addition to the Civic. car finalists included the

Lucid Air electric sedan, and the Volkswagen Golf GTI and R sports cars.

Fully electric vehicles were finalists in all three categories this year, but judges picked gas-powered or gas-electric hybrid vehicles.

Guidehouse Insights **E-Mobility Principal** Analyst Sam Abuelsamid, who is not among the jurors, said it's likely the more affordable prices of the Civic and Maverick appealed to the group.



Kumar Galhotra, Ford's President of Americas and International Markets Group, poses with the Maverick compact pickup Jan. 11 in Detroit. CARLOS OSORIO/AP





All-wheel drive Taos models have three driving modes: Normal, Sport and Individual, offering different steering heft and throttle response. VOLKSWAGEN

#### **AUTO REVIEW**

### Low price, spacious cabin make VW Taos compelling crossover

**By Larry Printz** Tribune News Service

If you're a fan of Volk-

swagen hatchbacks, no doubt you're saddened that Volkswagen is no longer bringing the normally aspirated Golf to the United States; it's now only available as the pricier, sportier GTI. But that doesn't mean that VW is abandoning that part of the market. In its place is the new 2022 Volkswagen Taos, which starts at a reasonable \$22,995.

But the new Taos isn't a hot hatch inflated to 150 psi. In fact, it's not sporting at all. Instead, it's a wagon-like transportation appliance that competes in an increasingly crowded space against such players as the Chevrolet Trailblazer, Ford EcoSport, Honda HR-V, Hyundai Kona, Jeep Compass, Kia Seltos, Mazda CX-30 Nissan Kicks and Subaru Crosstrek. But unlike them, it sports handsomely uncluttered, refined styling that's timeless and gratifyingly mature. It doesn't look like an escapee from a video game. In fact, it resembles an Atlas Cross Sport that was left in the dryer too long, but that's not a bad thing.

Open the door and you'll be surprised by the Taos' expansive cabin. Full-size

#### 2022 Volkswagen Taos

**Base price:** \$22,995 Engine: 1.5-liter turbocharged four-cylinder Horsepower/Torque: 158/184 pound-feet of torque EPA fuel economy (city/ **highway):** 25 / 32 mpg Length/Width/Height: 175.8 / 72.5 / 64.6 inches Ground clearance: 6.4 inches

Pavload: 937 pounds Cargo capacity: 27.9 cubic feet

Americans can actually inhabit the back seat without complaint - head and leg room are generous. Seating is very comfortable and supportive. Ambience is similar to that of other VW SUVs, being a symphony of stark, hard plastic, albeit well assembled and designed with ergonomic simplicity.

Offered in ascending S, midrange SE and top-ofthe-line SEL trim, the Taos employs the MQB platform that underpins the larger Tiguan.

While you might be tempted by the S trim level's low base price, it's better to opt for the SE, which adds such niceties as full keyless access, remote start, an eight-way power driver seat with lumbar, heated front seats, heated side mirrors, heated washer nozzles, leatherette-wrapped multifunction steering wheel, and privacy glass.

Lower-priced models come with an 8-inch digital instrument cluster, a 6.5-inch center infotainment touch screen and two USB ports. Pricier models get a 10.3-inch instrument cluster and an 8-inch infotainment screen, Bluetooth, wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto, and three USB ports. SEL models include navigation and a Beats audio system.

Acceleration is more than sufficient for daily driving duties despite its turbo lag, so planning is called for when you need a sudden dose of power especially off-theline. However, that's not unusual for this market segment. While there's nothing wrong with the Taos' overall behavior, it feels fairly vanilla for a Volkswagen.

Still, the 2022 Volkswagen Taos' low price, spacious cabin and reasonable fuel economy make it well worth considering. Choose your options carefully and you'll find the Taos to be an accommodatingly efficient crossover and a very handsome one at that. Just don't expect the fun driving experience of a GTI.

### How to jog your car's memory



**Bob Weber** Motormouth

Q: I have a Jeep Grand Cherokee in warranty and I stopped by a dealer because my memory seats stopped working. Was told it would be a two-week wait and would be tied up all day. Made an appointment. The next week got an oil change for my wife's car at my local mechanic and mentioned Jeep seat problem to the service writer. He told me just use the forward-backward power switch all the way each way and it will reset it. When I got home, I tried it and sure enough it works again. I wonder what the dealer would have charged if it was out of warranty? - M.W., Westchester, Illinois

A: One of life's mysteries is why things lose their memories, but as you found, those memories can sometimes be restored. If your power windows stop working properly, try the same thing. Put them down and hold the switch for three seconds and then up and hold for three seconds. Voilà.

Q: Some drivers have their wiper blades pulled up and away from the front windshield during snowfalls. Does this help the longevity of the wiper blades with them in this up position off the windshield?

- V.B., Chicago

A: Yes, it does extend the life of the blades. How? It keeps them from freezing to the glass. Many motorists damage their wiper blades when scraping snow and ice from the windshield. Sometimes they forget to turn the wipers off when parking



As with memory seating, if your power windows stop working, try putting them down, hold the switch for three seconds and then up and hold for three seconds. DREAMSTIME

and, upon startup the next day, the squeegee (rubber part) suffers damage. Even minor damage results in streaks, which always seem to occur directly in your line of vision.

Q: I read your article about pulsing brake lights. I do agree they are annoying, and they should not be allowed. However, as I'm sure you're getting emails that some new cars are coming stock with the CHMSL (third brake light) pulsing. Honda and Toyota are apparently doing this. I've started seeing some GM products with it too. R.C., Great Falls,

Montana

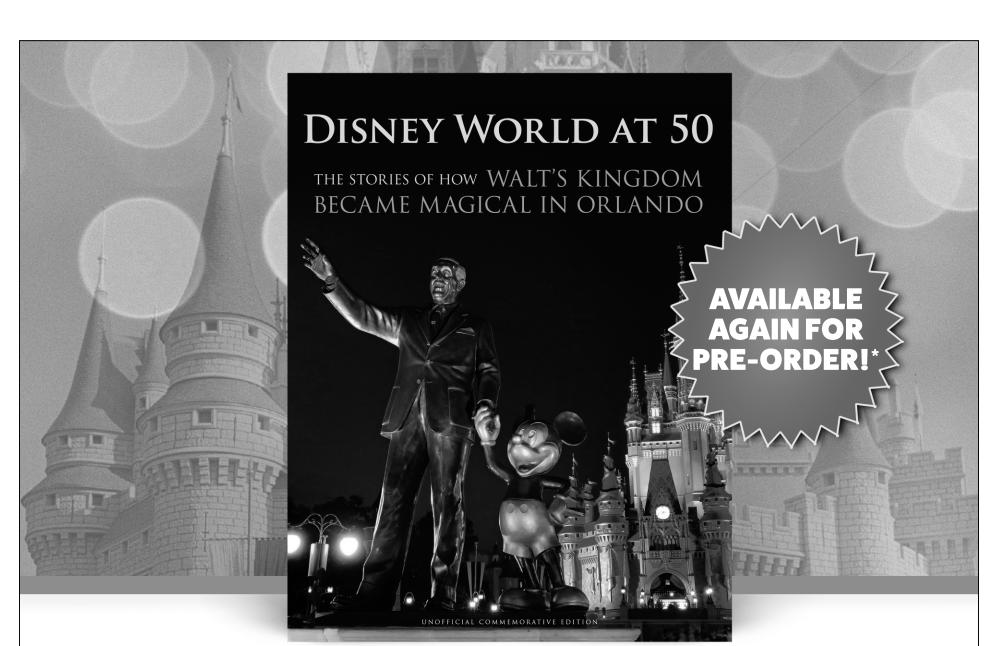
A: Although strobing brake lights are available in the aftermarket, that doesn't make them legal. You can't blame car owners who want to improve their safety, but Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) state that only solid glowing brake lights are allowed, albeit at a brighter level than taillights. There may be some car dealers that upsell customers to strobing CHMSLs (center highmounted stop lights) and to the best of my knowledge it is not illegal to sell them. Displaying them, however, is another matter. Federal law does not prohibit the owner of the

car from installing them. Check the law in your state to determine whether a flashing third brake light is permissible.

Q: I have a 2020 Nissan Titan two-wheel-drive and when I took it in for an oil change, I was informed that I need a brake line flush and to replace the brake fluid, check and/or replace at 15K miles to 30K miles. I pull a travel trailer, so I went with the fluid flush and replacement at 22K miles. I have been driving for more than 50 years and this is the first time I have ever heard of this, and it is in the manual! Is it really necessary? - M.G., Port Orange, Florida

A: If it is in the owner's manual (the vehicle Bible/ Torah/Quran/...), then yes, it is necessary.

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#### WEATHER



Mostly sunny and cold. North wind around 5 mph.

27/19

HIGH

SUNRISE NOON SUNSET Mixed clouds and sunshine. seasonable.

**SUNDAY** 

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**TUESDAY** പ പ SUNRISE NOON

chance for some

snow and rain

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SUNSET HIGH Mostly cloudy.

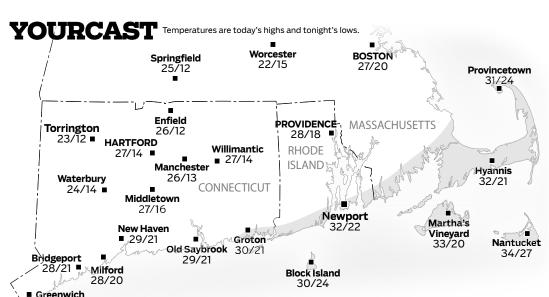
21°

-;;- -;;- -;;-SUNRISE NOON Mostly sunny and colder.

HIGH

**WEDNESDAY** 

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#### **OUTLOOK**

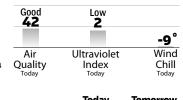
January got off to an unseasonably mild start, but temperatures didn't last at the lofty levels long and now three weeks into the month temperatures are averaging close to one degree below normal. It may have seemed to be colder, but starting off in the teens above normal certainly had an effect. High pressure will bring mostly sunny skies on Saturday with high temperatures mainly in the 20s, although the immediate shoreline could reach the 30-degree mark. Mixed clouds and sunshine on Sunday with high temperatures a couple degrees milder, but nothing appreciable. -Gary Lessor

#### **ALMANAC**

Precipitation In Inches Total Normal Yesterday (by 7 p.m.) 0.00 0.10 Month to date 1.59 2.27 Total this year 1.59 2.27 Snowfall In Inches

Yesterday (by 4 p.m.) 0.0 0.4 Total this year 10.7 21.6 Precipitation, temperature at

#### **Air Quality Forecast For Today**



|          | Today     | Tomorrow   |
|----------|-----------|------------|
| Sunrise  | 7:12 a.m. | 7:11 a.m.  |
| Sunset   | 4:52 p.m. | 4:54 p.m.  |
| Moonrise | 9:48 p.m. | 10:56 p.m. |
| Moonset  | 9:56 a.m. | 10:18 a.m. |
|          |           |            |

|                       | Moon         | Phase          |                |
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| <b>Last</b><br>Jan 25 | New<br>Feb 1 | First<br>Feb 8 | Full<br>Feb 16 |

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| <b>Tides</b>   | High       | Low        | Temp. |
| N.L. State Pier                                      | 12:10 a.m. | 6:22 a.m.  | 37°   |
|  | 12:13 p.m. | 6:55 p.m.  |       |
| Saybrook Jetty                                       | 1:21 a.m.  | 7:15 a.m.  | 36°   |
|  | 1:24 p.m.  | 7:48 p.m.  |       |
| Connecticut River                                    | 4:04 a.m.  |            |       |
| at Portland  | 4:07 p.m.  | 11:34 p.m. |       |
| Madison  | 1:29 a.m.  | 7:30 a.m.  | 36°   |
|  | 1:42 p.m.  | 7:55 p.m.  |       |
| New Haven  | 1:49 a.m.  | 7:54 a.m.  | 35°   |
|  | 2:02 p.m.  | 8:19 p.m.  |       |
| Stamford   | 1:53 a.m.  | 8:08 a.m.  | 38°   |
|  | 2:06 p.m.  | 8:33 p.m.  |       |

30-day Precipitation History In Inches

#### River Stage at Hartford: 3.55 feet at 6:30 p.m.

| Boating | L.I. Sound W | L.I. Sound E | B. I. Sound |
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| Weather | MSunny       | MSunny       | MSunny      |
| Wind    | N, 5-15      | N, 5-15      | NE, 10-15   |
| Seas    | 1-2 ft.      | 2-3 ft.      | 2-3 ft.     |
|         |              |              |             |

| Temperature     | High           | Low           |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Friday          | 20 at 3:59 p.m | 8 at 8:19 a.m |
| Normal for date | 35             | 18            |
| Record for date | 61 in 2006     | -13 in 1961   |
| A year ago      | 35             | 17            |
| Range this year | 52             | 0             |

2617

High

3° at 12 a.m.

Season Normal

2960

**Heating Degree Days** 

For July 1 - Jan 21

60 50 HIGHS

10 LOWS

**Atmosphere** 

Barometer

**Dew point** 

30-day Temperature History

Last

Season

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#### AROUND THE WORLD Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

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| Burlington | 18 12 | S | Bismarc             |
| Caribou    | 12 -2 | S | Boise               |
| Concord    | 24 5  | S | Buffalo             |
| Montpelier | 18 6  | S | Charlest            |
| Mt. Wash.  | 7 -5  | S | Cincinna            |
| Portland   | 21 10 | S | Clevelan            |
| Woods Hole | 30 20 | S | Indianap<br>Jackson |
| NATION     |       |   | Las Vega            |
| Albany     | 24 13 | S | Miami B             |
|            | 10    | _ |                     |

THURSDAY'S LATE HIGH

F.O. SMITH (4-5): Dan Jancovic 0-3-3. Peter Flumono

1-2-4, Jackson Stearns 7-0-15, Jordan Sawyer 1-0-2,

MANCHESTER (7-2): Laquonne Thomas 2-1-7, Troy

ROCKVILLE (4-6): Weston LaBrecque 3-3-9, Javden

WINDHAM TECH (10-1): Daniel Toce 2-0-6, Alex

Tate 5-1-12, Cam Worthington 2-3-7, Dylan Resendes 5-2-17, John Ryan 2-3-9. Totals 17-12-54.

Johnson 8-1-20, Trey Lindsey 1-2-4, Brody Belanger 3-0-7, Danny Meikle 3-2-8, Joey Johnson 9-5-23. Totals

WINDHAM TECH (9-3): Julia Phouangphiarith 1-0-3,

4-0-8, Claudia Koiva 6-4-17, Catlin Ferris 2-0-4. Totals

ROCKVILLE (3-7): Layla Tate 5-1-13, Sara Stone 1-3-5, Julia Szuminski 2-0-4, Anaya Tolton 1-0-2, Jenny Gorski

Note: Koiva had 7 rebounds, 6 steals and Miller had

15 rebounds, 3 blocks, 2 steals. Szuminski had 10

FRIDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL

ROCKY HILL (0-11): Jaden Aftab 0-1-1, Grant Fishberg

3-0-7, Danny Lin 1-1-3, Jayden Osei-Tutu 4-3-11, Jon Ruiz 1-0-3. Totals 9-5-25.

RHAM (11-0): Ryan Heneghan 3-0-8, Jimmy Hulland

6-2-19, Troy Miller 4-1-10, Spencer Pilkington 4-0-10, Aiden Allen 2-0-4, Luke Pulwitzer 3-2-11, Pat Kelly

WETHERSFIELD (3-6): Rob Rivera 7-4-19, TJ Smith

2-1-5, Jack Freitas 2-0-5, Jamar Feliciano 3-5-11, Tom Daly 1-0-3, AJ Karanian 1-0-2, Tate Barrett 1-0-2. Totals

PLAINVILLE (3-8): Artem Mojica 4-1-11, Brady Wiec

zorek 1-1-3, Brennan Staubley 2-3-8, Cam LaMothe

HMTCA (4-7): Derrick Sheets 3-0-9, Seth Moore 3-2-9,

Christian Smith 8-4-20, Eyad Anwer 4-0-8, Josh O'Neal 7-5-19, Russel Smith 2-0-4, Corey Jerrick 1-0-2. Totals

SMSA (9-0): King Shaw 11-2-27, Miguel Varela 1-0-3, Nizayiah Bogar 4-3-11, Abijah Miller 2-1-5, Kemani Thompson 5-0-11, Daniel Hernandez 10-2-24, Aston

Note: Shaw had a double-double with 12 rebounds.

4 assists, 4 steals and Thompson had 6 rebounds, 6

EAST GRANBY (5-6): Pat Lakomy 7-0-18, Matt Fortier 1-0-2, Jonah Dunlop 2-1-7, Ben Lakomy 4-3-15, Evan

WINDSOR LOCKS (4-4): Jaydon Buckle 6-12-26,

11 17 24 19 - 71

33 15 22 13 - 83

6-3-15, Joe Vasquez 6-1-13. Totals 19-9-50.

**EAST HARTFORD 76, NEW BRITAIN 62** 

HARTFORD PUBLIC 59, TOLLAND 52 LEWIS MILLS 50, HALL 44

Whittingham 0-2-2. Totals 33-10-83.

WINDSOR LOCKS 57, EAST GRANBY 47

Malinowski 4-0-8. Totals 19-4-47.

3 7 6 9 - 25

22 14 25 19 - 80

2-0-4. Mike Poncini 6-2-14. Totals 30-7-80.

PLAINVILLE 50, WETHERSFIELD 47

RESULTS

CCC-North

CCC-Inter

NCCC

SMSA 83, HMTCA 71

**BOYS BASKETBALL** 

**BLOOMFIELD 108, BULKELEY 50** 

RHAM 80, ROCKY HILL 25

Baylee Miller 1-3-6, Dionna Roberts 1-1-3, Grad

5-0-10, Jaidan Torres 2-0-4. Totals 16-4-38.

Butler 4-0-10, Damian Sanchez 3-0-6, Jared Lindstrom 6-2-14, Jayden Cersosimo 5-0-11, Adrian Parker 1-0-2.

13 10 11 8 - 42 12 11 12 15 - 50

9 16 11 18 - 54 22 10 16 20 - 68

7 7 16 11 - 41 14 12 6 6 - 38

Camden Shea 1-0-2, Noah Cordone 8-0-16. Totals

**SCHOOL RESULTS** 

**BOYS BASKETBALL** 

EOS

Others

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MANCHESTER 50, E.O. SMITH 42

WINDHAM TECH 68, ROCKVILLE 54

**GIRLS BASKETBALL** 

Others WINDHAM TECH 41, ROCKVILLE 38

31 9 SF 35 20 PC New Orleans New York 26 19 PC Okla. City 44 26 PC Omaha ati 32 20 PC Orlando 28 19 PC Pittsburgh 32 23 PC Raleigh 46 32 R ıville St. Louis Salt Lake City 37 20 PC Beach 77 62 SH San Antonio Milwaukee 26 10 PC San Diego Albuquerque 46 26 PC

Atlantic City 35 16 S KEY: S Sunny, C Cloudy, PC Partly Cloudy, R Rain, SH Showers, SN Snow, SF Snow Flurries, T T-storms Jaheime Thomas 5-1-12, Chris Vega 1-0-2, Evan

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Dubai

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Edinburgh

Hong Kong

Helsinki

Istanbul

Jerusalem

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Johannesburg 77 54 PC

Cancun

**Buenos Aires** 

San Juan

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Amsterdam

Tucson

Athens

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Berlin

Bermuda

Bangkok

Barbados

Courtney 1-0-3, Aidan Walker 0-1-1, Austin Smith 4-0-8, Jamari Murrell 1-0-3, Kyle Hinckley 1-0-2. Totals EG 8 14 15 10 - 47 WL 10 9 18 20 - 57

STAFFORD 40, ELLINGTON 36

ELLINGTON (7-3): Michael Bontempo 3-1-10, Darren Zahner 4-1-11, Louis Gosselin 1-0-2, Elijah Miller 3-0-6, Cody Murphy 2-0-5, Philip Vrakas 0-2-2. Totals 14-3-36. STAFFORD (4-2): Elias Houle 3-0-6, Logan Briggs 1-1-4, Isaac Minaya 6-3-15, Mark McLaughlin 3-1-8, Zack Donovan 3-0-7. Totals 16-5-40.

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CANTON 51, COVENTRY 46

VALLEY REGIONAL 48, OLD LYME 32

VALLEY REGIONAL (5-5): Di'Angelo Jean-Pierre 2-2-6. Andrew Yermenson 3-0-7, Sam Hutchinson 4-2-10. James Marsden 4-0-11, Saagar Patel 3-1-10, Brayden Shea 2-0-4. Totals 18-5-48. OLD LYME (4-5): Nick Cox 1-0-2, John Almy 1-1-3.

Jacob Ritchie 1-1-3, Frank Sablone 1-3-5, Caleb Monte 4-0-8, Calvin Monte 0-2-2, May Swaney 2-5-9. Totals

VR 9 13 15 11 - 48 16 4 9 8 - 32

Note: Jean-Pierre had 7 assists, 5 rebounds, Yermenson had 8 rebounds, 3 assists, 3 steals and Hutchin-son had 10 rebounds, 3 steals, 1 block. MORGAN 76, COGINCHAUG 42

WESTBROOK 61, HADDAM-KILLINGWORTH 46 PORTLAND 66, EAST HAMPTON 55 CROMWELL 71, OLD SAYBROOK 47 HALE-RAY 66, NORTH BRANFORD 48

CIVIC LEADERSHIP 57, PARISH HILL 48

**NOTRE DAME-WEST HAVEN 75, XAVIER 42** 

ST. PAUL 63, OXFORD 51

Others
INNOVATION 50, GOODWIN TECH 37 INNOVATION (3-4): Yonathan Ramos 2-1-5, Jamal Kulaib 5-2-16, Amir Bolden 2-0-5, Lebron White 2-0-5, Adam Renta 6-0-12, Amari Cruz 1-0-3, Jayden Newell-Kemp 2-0-4. Totals 20-3-50. GOODWIN TECH (2-6): Brandon Martinez 4-3-12,

Javden King 3-0-7, Nazir Rainev 1-0-2, Shaun Martin 4-1-10, Jonathan Alejandro 3-0-8. Totals 15-4-37.

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UNIVERSITY 51, GILBERT 42

#### **GIRLS BASKETBALL** CCC-North WETHERSFIELD 65, ROCKY HILL 30

MIDDLETOWN 65. BLOOMFIELD 35

MIDDLETOWN (9-2): Jada Bryant 4-1-9, Alexa DeSena 2-0-4, Tyah Pettaway 7-4-18, Tajahnae Brock 2-3-7, Shadae Bushay 10-1-22, Kaila Torres 1-0-2, Ava Studinski 1-0-3. Totals 27-9-65.

BLOOMFIELD (2-6): Deiahlee Dogans 3-3-10, Nvasia Dogans 2-0-4, Taylor Jackson 4-0-9, Tanae Spears 3-1-7, Marcelle James 1-1-3, Kyelah Smith 1-0-2. Totals

18 16 16 15 - 65 7 5 15 8 - 35

#### LEWIS MILLS 33, TOLLAND 30 CONARD 36, RHAM 33

#### WINDSOR LOCKS 49, EAST GRANBY 29

WINDSOR LOCKS (6-3): Carly MacDougald 8-4-24, Maeve McGinnis 2-0-4, Angelina Jones 2-0-4, Tristin Oberg 4-3-11, Jasmine Hurdle 2-1-6, Totals 18-8-49. Benner 2-0-4, Sarah Springer 1-0-2, Ava Walsh 2-0-4, Sarah Phillips 3-0-6, Julia Walsh 1-0-2, Taylor Hayes

2-1-5, Chloe Rapose 2-0-4. Totals 14-1-29. 10 15 15 9 - 49 10 7 6 6 - 39 WL Of **note:** Oberg had a double-double with 12

rebounds, 5 blocks, 4 steals and MacDougald had 8 rebounds, 6 steals. SUFFIFI D 50. FAST WINDSOR 27 SUFFIELD (4-4): Jordan Dion 4-0-11, Lexi Mailloux 2-0-4, Cami Bosco 3-4-10, Ava Toomey 2-0-4, Georgia Qua 3-0-6, Cam Bernier 2-1-5, Liv Matthews 3-1-7, Lily Johnson 1-0-3. Totals 20-6-50

EAST WINDSOR (4-5): Zoe Pepin 3-0-6, Bailey Winner 3-2-8, Sam Corrado 1-0-3, Alex Witzke 2-2-6, Katie Blume 2-0-4. Totals 11-4-27.

11 13 10 16 - 50 8 3 9 7 - 27 Note: Bosco had 6 rebounds, 4 blocks, Bernier had 5 and Matthews had 7 steals

3-0-6, Aiyana Brown 5-1-11, Charis Krevalin 5-0-12. Totals 16-1-35. HMTCA (2-8): Michelle Sharp 7-1-15, Jazlyn Vega

SMSA (2-7): Aniya Encarnacion 3-0-6, Nairoby Hiraldo

4-0-8, Destini Jones 1-0-2, Ariana Espinosa 0-0-0. Totals 12-1-25.

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**BOLTON 47, ROCKVILLE 34** 

BOLTON (3-2): Emma Diehl 1-5-7, Niya Islam 2-0-5, Isabel Kenny 4-0-8, Emily Denunzio 2-0-4, Riley Graves

3-0-7. Julia Zimmerman 3-0-6. Makenna Graves 2-3-7. Totals 18-9-47. ROCKVILLE (3-8): Layla Tate 1-0-3, Sara Stone 0-1-1,

Julia Szuminski 2-2-8, Anaya Tolton 3-1-8, Jenny Gorski 3-2-8, Ariana McClellan 2-0-4, Jordyn Karpoff

9 18 7 13 - 47 8 9 8 9 - 34 CANTON 49, COVENTRY 46 COVENTRY (5-3): Charlotte Jordan 4-2-11, Amy Pride

4-1-9, Natalie Neal 1-0-2, Jenna Hoffman 2-1-5, Anaka Eaton 5-1-11, Sammy Coughlin 3-0-8. Totals 19-5-46. CANTON (3-5): Jenna Cuniowski 10-2-23, Sophia Mates 7-2-16. Ashelyn Cehollero 1-0-2. Avery Brown 4-0-8, Gabby DelSanto 0-0-0. Totals 15-4-49.

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CO 11 8 18 12 - 49

**ELLINGTON 39. STAFFORD 21** 

Shoreline EAST HAMPTON 70, PORTLAND 24

PORTLAND (1-8): Izzv McClelland 1-0-2, Hannah Brunk 5-2-13, Allison Scott 1-0-2, Sam Lasky 2-0-4, Leah May 1-1-3. Totals 10-3-24. EAST HAMPTON (10-1): Amber Murphy 4-0-8. Olivia

DeMartino 3-4-11, Katherine Searles 2-0-4, Liana Salamone 8-5-24, Delaney Russell 1-0-2, Jackie Russell 7-1-19, Katie Ireland 1-0-2. Totals 26-10-70.

2 5 4 13 - 24 19 17 17 17 - 70 **CROMWELL 64, OLD SAYBROOK 26** 

CROMWELL (6-1): Kayla Nappi 2-0-4, Grace Mikan 3-0-9, Cameryn Hickey 3-1-8, Jessica Grodzicki 7-0-17, Mevaeh Clark 5-0-11, Adela Cecunjanin 7-0-15. Totals

OLD SAYBROOK (2-7): Mackenna Cooke 2-0-4, Cassie Johnson 1-2-4, Beldina Feratovic 1-0-2, Sophia Baker 2-0-4, Breleigh Cooke 1-1-3, Ella Hagelston 3-0-7, Sanai Baker 1-0-2. Totals 11-3-26.

27 21 7 9 - 64

MORGAN 50, COGINCHAUG 49 COGINCHAUG (5-4): Allison Sambor 3-0-8, Hannah

Nielsen 2-0-4, Serena Fournier 1-1-3, Alyssa Woodward 1-0-3, Mia Poturnicki 3-2-8, Allison Strang 3-0-6, MORGAN (6-4): Caeley Ayer 7-4-19, Ava Johnson 2-1-5, Katie Martin 4-2-11, Sofie Passante 0-4-4, Maeve

13 14 7 15 - 49 15 11 12 12 - 50 NORTH BRANFORD 69, HALE-RAY 43

**GOODWIN TECH 47, PLATT TECH 17** 

PLATT TECH (5-5): Tiffany Rosado 0-2-2, Natalie Krochko 1-2-4, Ceondra Parks-Smith 2-1-5, A'Raiva Smith 1-0-2, Aaliyah Alejandro 1-0-2, Kiaraliz Negron 1-0-2.

GOODWIN TECH (6-5): Avalise Hernandez 5-3-15. Tomoya Bennett 1-0-2, Ericka Aponte 5-1-11, Megan Lukeszewski 6-2-17, Dezaraya Trusty 1-0-2. Totals 18-6-47.

2 8 4 3 - 17 13 20 2 12 - 47 WILCOX TECH 35, CHENEY TECH 27

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PARISH HILL 47, MLC 7 PARISH HILL (8-3): Kristie Zator 10-2-24, Ashlvn Kemp 4-0-8, Lexi Smardon 3-0-6, Grace Quinn 1-0-3, Kaelyn Pearl 1-0-2, Charley Bennett 1-0-2, Brooke Provost-Spickler 0-1-1, Hannah Becker 0-1-1. Totals

MLC (0-9): Aaliyah Graves 1-1-3, Natalia Dupiton 1-0-2, Tene McFarlane 1-0-2, Dominique Pierre-Emile 0-0-0, Deajan Minnifield 0-0-0. Totals 3-1-7.

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Of Note: Zator had a double-double with 13 rebounds CIVIC LEADERSHIP 55, CLASSICAL MAGNET 48

CLASSICAL (5-5): Kyeera Hall 0-1-1, Jasmine Charley 5-3-13, Sequoia Turcolte-Briggs 6-8-25, Reilly Fournie 2-3-9. Totals 13-15-48. CIVIC LEADERSHIP (6-4): Gabby Tinsley 8-5-22, Faith Ramos 1-1-3, Gio Shaw 1-3-5, Shaniqua Thomas 10-4-24, Ariell Cuyler 0-1-1. Totals 20-14-55.

AEROSPACE 1, ACHIEVEMENT FIRST 0 (FORFEIT)

HAND 60. GUILFORD 24

BACON ACADEMY 69. WATERFORD 48. WATERFORD (7-4): Julia Knowles 4-3-11, Sophia Hathaway 1-2-4, Izzi Fraser 3-0-7, Natalie Lombardi 2-0-4, Mia Chiappone 1-0-2, Milena Walker 8-3-20.

BACON ACADEMY (10-1): Emily Ferrigno 2-0-4, Valerie Luizzi 4-0-9, Marissa Nudd 11-3-27, Cara Shea 5-0-11, Emma Mancuso 8-0-16, Veronica Smith 1-0-2. Totals

8 10 11 19 - 48 17 25 16 11 - 69 Of **note:** Mancuso recorded a double-double with a

career high of 16 points and 13 rebounds.

ST. PAUL 48, OXFORD 40

ST. PAUL (6-1): Sam Naples 1-0-2, Audrey Tice 7-2-20, Abbey Stanford 1-3-5, Nadia Reimer 3-3-10, Zoey Rubins 1-0-2, Fmily Ronalter 1-1-3, Sarah Lindquist 1-2-4, Kelsea Tefoe 1-0-2, Alexis Tierpack 0-0-0. Totals OXFORD (4-4): Mikavla Walton 9-4-24, Morgan Brime-

combe 1-0-3, Juliana Brimecombe 3-0-7, Olivia Garcia 1-0-2, Maya Mussel 1-0-2, Racheal Abed 1-0-2. Totals

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Note: Tefoe and Tierpack each had 9 rebounds.

LYMAN MEMORIAL 44, WINDHAM TECH 33 MALONEY 57, HARDING 23

GIRLSHOCKEY

AVON CO-OP 7, RIDGEFIELD CO-OP 2

BOYSSWIMMING

XAVIER 97, NORTH HAVEN CO-OP 81 Note: Nikita Zuev (50/100 free) and Mitchell Wollen (200 IM/100 back) were double winners for Xavier.

SATURDAY'S HIGH

#### **SCHOOL SCHEDULE** BOYSBASKETBALL

NCCC: Coventry at Stafford, 3:30 p.m.

Shoreline: Valley Regional at Cromwell, 5 p.m.; North Branford at Morgan, 7 p.m.

Others: Windsor at Ridgefield, 3 p.m.; Old Saybrook at Stonington, 5:30 p.m.; Coginchaug at Classical,

GIRLSBASKETBALL

CCC-South: Bristol Eastern at Bristol Central. 1:30

CCC-Inter: Northwest Catholic at Berlin, 11:15 a.m.; Windsor at Hall, noon; Tolland at Glastonbury, noon; E.O. Smith at Avon, 1 p.m.; Lewis Mills at New Britain, 1:30 p.m.: Farmington at South Windsor, 1:30 p.m. NCCC: Stafford at Coventry, 11 a.m.; Canton at

Granby, 6 p.m. **Shoreline:** Old Lyme at Old Saybrook, 6 p.m. CRAL: Civic Leadership at Innovation, 1:30 p.m. SCC: Hamden at Sheehan, 2 p.m.; Shelton at Cheshire,

Others: Danbury at Newington, 11 a.m.; St. Paul at Fairfield Warde, 11 a.m.; Bolton at East Catholic, noon; Mercy at Bishop Guertin (N.H.), 3 p.m.; Valley Regional at Somers, 4 p.m.; Simsbury at Ridgefield, 5:30 p.m.; Southington at Wilton, 6 p.m.

#### BOYSHOCKEY

CCC-North: Simsbury at East Catholic, 7 p.m. CCC-**South:** Newington co-op at Enfield co-op, 4:20 p.m.; Hall at Northeastern, 6 p.m.; Rocky Hill co-op at E.O. Smith/Tolland, 7:30 p.m. CCC-**Inter:** Farmington Valley at Wethersfield, 8 p.m. SCC/**SWC:** Sheehan at Guilford, 2:45 p.m.; North

Haven at Cheshire 8 n m Others: Milford co-op at Conard, 1:30 p.m.; Lyman Hall at Eastern CT, 5:10 p.m.; South Windsor at Tri-Town, 6:30 p.m.; Glastonbury at Woodstock Academy, 7

30.57 at 7 p.m. 30.41 at 12 a.m.

-7° at 3 p.m.

p.m.: SGWL at East Haven co-op. 7:45 p.m. GIRLSHOCKEY

Others: Conard/Hall at Hamden co-op, 6:15 p.m.; Simsbury at Guilford, 7 p.m.

Others: Morgan, Shelton at Derby, 9 a.m.; Granby Duals, 9 a.m.; Cougar Duals (Haddam-Killingworth HS), 9 a.m.; Xavier Duals, 9 a.m.; Snitkin Duals (NFA), 10 a.m.; Portland Duals, 10 a.m.; Platt Duals, 10 a.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

Others: SCC Coaches Invite (Floyd Little AC, New Haven), 9 a.m.; NCCC Developmental No. 2 (Hartford

Public HS), 1 p.m.

CCC-West: Hall at Avon, 2:30 p.m. **GIRLS GYMNASTICS** 

CCC: Glastonbury at Southington, 6 p.m.: Farmington at South Windsor, 7 p.m.

Others: Nonnewaug at Hand, 10 a.m.; H-K/Morgan/ Westbrook, Mercy, Hamden at Valley Regiona

THURSDAY'S LATE **COLLEGE RESULTS** 

MEN'SBASKETBALL

UCONN 75, BUTLER 56 ST. JOSEPH 84, ST. JOSEPH'S (MAINE) 72 MONMOUTH 61. FAIRFIELD 58

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

**WESLEYAN 74. EASTERN NAZARENE 63** ST. JOSEPH 68, DEAN 16

**FAIRFIELD 70, MANHATTAN 55** FRIDAY'S COLLEGE

RESULTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL ST. FRANCIS (PA.) 68, CENTRAL 67

MOUNT ST. MARY'S 98, SACRED HEART 59 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UCONN 71, SETON HALL 38 VERMONT 77, HARTFORD 60 ST. FRANCIS (PA.) 69, CENTRAL 59 MOUNT ST. MARY'S 60. SACRED HEART 51

AIC 4. SACRED HEART 2 NEW HAMPSHIRE AT UCONN, LATE CONN. COLLEGE AT TRINITY, LATE

TUFTS AT WESLEYAN, LATE YALE AT RPI, LATE QUINNIPIAC AT COLGATE, LATE WOMEN'S HOCKEY

YALE 3, COLGATE 0 WESLEYAN AT CONN. COLLEGE, LATE SACRED HEART AT FRANKLIN PIERCE, LATE

MEN'SSWIMMING

EASTERN 178, ST. JOSEPH 92 WOMEN'S SWIMMING

EASTERN 133, ST. JOSEPH 129

#### SATURDAY'S COLLEGE **SCHEDULE**

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wesleyan at UMass-Dartmouth, 2 p.m. Conn. College at Trinity, 3 p.m. Eastern at UMass-Boston, 3 p.m. St. Joseph at Rivier, 3 p.m.

#### Yale at Penn, 4 p.m. Hartford at Vermont, 7 p.m. WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Trinity at Conn. College, 3 p.m.

Eastern at UMass-Boston, 1 p.m. Manhattan at Quinnipiac, 1 p.m. Penn at Yale, 2 p.m. Fairfield at Siena, 2 p.m.

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### A treasured treat

#### Colorful king cake is more than a dessert — it's the flavor of New Orleans

By Kayla Stewart The New York Times

NEW ORLEANS - When Dominick Lee was in elementary school in the 1990s, every year for Twelfth Night, the teacher would bring a king cake for the class to share.

He and his classmates would wait for their slices — decorated with purple, gold and green sugars eager to see which piece had a tiny plastic baby hidden inside.

Whoever found it was responsible for bringing another king cake to school the next week, and the cycle would continue through Carnival season, right up until Mardi Gras.

"It was a really wonderful childhood memory, and it's stuck with me to this day," said Lee, a chef born and raised in New Orleans.

Nearly every New Orleanian has a similar story. King cake is a treasured sweet, and a beloved Carnival

And in New Orleans, where Catholicism is still the predominant religion, Twelfth Night, celebrated here on Jan. 6, holds deep signifi-

The date — also known around the world as Epiphany or Three Kings Day — marks the moment when the three Magi, or kings, reached the baby Jesus in Bethle-

Celebrations vary, but in New Orleans, Twelfth Night is also the start of the pre-Lenten Carnival season, a cycle of baking and eating king cakes, with the arrival of many plastic babies.

King cakes are revered in New Orleans, so much so that it's considered sacrilegious to eat one before Jan. 6. Until the 18th century, king cake was largely eaten only on that day, to signal the end of the Christmas season.

In the early 1900s however, some Carnival krewes (as parade organizers are known) like the Twelfth Night Revelers began to host balls, where they served king cake, selecting the "king" or "queen" based on which guest found the small trinket, or fève, hidden in the cake.

"King cake season is this really communal experience that I think defines Mardi Gras New Orleans in general," said Matt Haines, the author of "The Big Book of King Cake," an archive of some of the city's tastiest cakes.

#### Caramelized apple king cake

Though there are many versions of king cake, New Orleanians often trace their best memories back to their local bakery. Such is the case for Creole chef and New Orleans native Dominick Lee. His recipe was inspired by childhood memories of king cakes with apple filling served in the city's Gentilly neighborhood.

#### Makes: 12 to 16 servings Total time: 6 hours For the filling:

3 medium Granny Smith apples (34 pound), peeled, cored and cut into 1/2-inch wedges

½ packed cup brown sugar 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour 1 tablespoon unsalted butter

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon ¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves

For the dough: 1 (1/4-ounce) packet active dry yeast (2 teaspoons) ¼ cup warm water

3 tablespoons plus 1 ½ teaspoons sugar 4 tablespoons unsalted butter,

plus more for greasing the bowl

½ teaspoon fine salt 1 cup sour cream 1 large egg

3 cups all-purpose flour, plus more as needed Egg wash (1 egg mixed with 1

tablespoon water), for brushing the dough 1 plastic baby, for decorating For the frosting:

4 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature

4 tablespoons unsalted butter, at room temperature

2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

¼ teaspoon orange blossom water 3 cups powdered sugar 2 tablespoons whole milk or heavy

Purple, gold and green sparkling sugar or edible glitter sprinkles, for

1. Make the filling: Place apples, brown sugar, flour, butter, lemon juice, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves and 1/2 cup water in a large saucepan and stir well. Bring to a simmer over high heat, then reduce heat to medium and cook, stirring frequently, until tapples are completely softened but still retain



A king cake from Dominick Lee, a chef born and raised in New Orleans. BEATRIZ DA COSTA/THE NEW YORK TIMES

their shape, about 25 minutes. Watch carefully near the end and stir as the mixture will begin to stick to the pan as it caramelizes. Set aside.

2. While the apples cook, prepare the dough: In a small bowl, mix yeast, warm water and

1½ teaspoons sugar. Set aside to

allow yeast to become active and foamy, 5 to 10 minutes. 3. In a medium saucepan, combine butter with salt and remaining 3 tablespoons sugar and melt over medium-low heat,

about 4 minutes. Whisk in sour cream until incorporated. Remove from heat and let cool slightly, 5 to

4. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, combine butter mixture, yeast mixture, 1 egg and 1 ½ cups flour. Beat on medium-low speed until smooth. Gradually add remaining 11/2 cups flour and continue to mix until a dough forms.

5. On a floured work surface,

knead the dough by hand, adding more flour if needed, until the dough is elastic and smooth, 5 to 12 minutes. It should be sticky but not sticking to the surface. Butter a large bowl and place dough inside. Cover and let rise in a warm place until it has doubled in size, 1

to 11/2 hours. 6. Gently punch down the dough, transfer it to a floured work surface, and roll it out into a 24-by-12-inch rectangle. Be gentle so as to not tear the dough. Spread the apple filling on one long side of the dough to cover half of the dough, leaving a 1-inch border along the edges. Starting with the long side closest to you, fold the border over the filling and tightly roll up the dough in a spiral, enclosing the apple filling as you go. Carefully transfer the roll seam-side down to a large parchment papercovered baking sheet. Moisten ends with water, then bring both ends together to form a ring. Cover and let rise in a warm place until

doubled in size, about 1 hour. While the dough rises, heat oven to 350 degrees.

7. Brush the egg wash all over the cake. Bake until golden brown, 25 to 30 minutes. Let cool for 2 hours before frosting.

8. While cake cools, make the frosting: In a mixing bowl or the bowl of an electric mixer, combine the cream cheese, butter, vanilla and orange blossom water. Mix slowly by hand or with a hand or stand mixer until well combined, then gradually add the powdered sugar and mix until incorporated. Continue mixing while slowly adding the milk, 1 tablespoon at a time, to thin out the frosting. The frosting should be thin enough to spread, but not too runny. **9. Carefully flip** the cooled cake and cut a small X in the bottom

of the ring. Insert the plastic baby and flip the cake back over. Frost the cake and decorate with alternating stripes of gold, green and purple sprinkles.



A whole roasted chicken develops gloriously crispy skin thanks to the increased flow of hot air around the low sides of the sheet pan. CHRISTOPHER TESTANI/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS

# Chicken soup for the weary soul

Resolve to reconnect with the joy in cooking during the new year

**By Eric Kim** The New York Times

he very first time I boiled a whole chicken, nearly 10 years ago, I was overwhelmed by how much it perfumed my apartment with the scent of my mother's kitchen. I wasn't trying to re-create her samgyetang, but I did, by accident.

Fortified with ginseng and jujubes, this Korean chicken soup is a garlic lover's dream. I remember how the sound of the cloves, plunked into the pot, echoed the syllables of the dish's name: Sam.

But it was the smell of my golden broth that transported me. When I inhaled its aroma, the past ran through me like an electric current, and I burst into tears. Sick with nostalgia (and a gnarly cold), I found myself suddenly in two places at once: my kitchenette in New York City and Atlanta, where I was born and raised in a brick house with a peach tree in the front yard.

There are many definitions of the sensation that overtook my body that day, but perhaps the most famous is what French novelist Marcel Proust called involuntary memory - what we now sometimes call "Proustian memory." It is a reference to one particular scene in his seven-volume novel "In Search of Lost Time," in which the narrator is suddenly seized by childhood memories after taking a bite of a tea-soaked lemon madeleine.

"No sooner had the warm liquid mixed with the crumbs touched my palate than a shudder ran through me and I stopped, intent upon the extraordinary thing that was happening to me," Proust writes. "Whence could it have come to me, this all-powerful joy?"

When those unbidden memories happen in my life, I try to linger in the feeling.

What excites me in the kitchen, and what provides the most joy, is when I accidentally tap into something old, an involuntary memory, something I had forgotten in the depths of my mind, such as the simple smell of a chicken boiling in water.

That's the kind of cooking I'd like to do more of in the new year. If I resolve to find those small moments of "all-powerful joy" in the kitchen and out, at my desk and in life, maybe they'll be more likely to reveal themselves to me. Maybe I'll taste more Proustian madeleines, and maybe I'll cry more. (Crying has many health benefits, after all.)

Luckily, there are many places to find good madeleines dipped



Roasted chicken stock is a golden elixir that starts with the leftover carcass of a roasted chicken.

#### Roasted chicken stock

Makes: 1 1/2 to 2 quarts Total time: 1 hour, 10 minutes 1 leftover carcass from a whole roasted chicken, meat picked off and saved for another use 1 large yellow onion 1 head of garlic 8 small or 4 large dried bay leaves

1 tablespoon kosher salt (Diamond Crystal) or 1 1/2 teaspoons coarse kosher salt

1 tablespoon whole black peppercorns

¼ teaspoon ground turmeric

1. To make this stock in an Instant Pot: Add the chicken carcass to a 3- or 6-quart Instant Pot or other electric pressure cooker. Chop the onion into eighths, and slice the garlic head in half crosswise to expose the cloves; dump the alliums into the pot over the

chicken. Crush the bay leaves and add, along with the salt, black peppercorns and turmeric. Add enough cold water to reach the max line in the 3-quart or to cover the bones in the 6-quart (5 to 6 cups). Gently stir and cover with the lid. Pressure-cook on high for 1 hour and let the pressure release naturally.

in tea, metaphorically speaking.

is never a bad place to start.

And when you're most in need of

warmth and succor, chicken soup

It's never lost on me what a

privilege it is to get to cook for a

living. But there are days when

I languish in the kitchen, utterly

sick of cooking. (It's the clean-

2. To make this stock on the stove: Follow Step 1, but place all of the ingredients, including the water, into a large heavy-bottomed pot, such as a Dutch oven or stock pot, and gently stir. Bring to a boil over high heat, then immediately reduce the heat to maintain a gentle simmer. Cover and cook until the stock is deeply golden, the chicken bones are falling apart at the joints when you try to pick them up and the vegetables have turned to

mush, about 3 hours. 3. Strain the contents of the pot through a colander set over a large bowl; press the bones to get out all of the liquid. Taste for seasoning, adjusting with salt as desired. Ladle the stock into large mugs for sipping, or use as an ingredient in your cooking. Alternatively, you can let the strained stock cool slightly before transferring into quart containers and storing in the refrigerator.

4. This chicken stock will keep in the refrigerator for 3 to 4 days or in the freezer for up to 4 months. Heat individual portions in coffee mugs to drink in the morning for breakfast, or use as a base for soups, stews and porridges throughout the week.

ing that destroys me most.) And especially this past year, when it seemed that the world was falling apart again, I found it difficult at

times to find joy in any of it. Comfort cooking can be hard to come by if you have to do it.

My last-meal-on-earth cooking is roasting chicken. I love preparing a small bird for myself on the weekend, because that's when I have all the time in the world. In this case, the process provides the joy. I can salt and sugar the chicken on Saturday, leaving it to dry-brine in the fridge overnight; on Sunday, my dinner is ready for

the oven. The eating is long, too: Roast chicken has many stages of life -I can cook it once and have it for days. Because as much as I love

cooking, I love eating more. First, it's dinner, often the gorgeous chicken breast, absolutely juicy, with crispy skin. Better yet, if you're like my mother and me, your favorite parts of the chicken are a secret: the two "oysters" underneath the bird, tucked behind the thighs, tender and slicked with schmaltz.

One for each of us. After this first meal, I like to maul the rest of the meat off the bones to fashion into all manner of repasts throughout the week. Then — and this may be my favorite part — I turn the carcass into stock with whatever bits and bobs I have left over in the pantry: bay leaves, black peppercorns, an onion with its peel still on (which my mother taught me lends both color and flavor to soups and stews).

The Instant Pot makes quick work of this. In just an hour, it will pressure-cook my past, present and future into a golden stock that I can drink in the mornings before my coffee.

Roast chicken may be my therapy, but chicken soup is my panacea, my madeleine dipped in tea.

#### Roasted chicken with caramelized cabbage

Makes: 4 servings Total time: 1 hour, 20 minutes, plus 1 hour brining Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

2 teaspoons fennel seeds 1 tablespoon packed dark brown

1 whole (3- to 4-pound) chicken 21/2 pounds green cabbage (about 1 large head), cored and cut into 1-inch pieces 1 large yellow onion, halved and

thinly sliced 5 tablespoons olive oil

1 tablespoon sherry vinegar 1. In a small dish, stir together 1 1/2 tablespoons Diamond Crystal kosher salt or 1 tablespoon Morton's coarse kosher salt. I teaspoon black pepper, 1 teaspoon fennel seeds and the brown sugar.

2. Place the chicken on a large plate or sheet pan and, with a paper towel, pat the surface of the chicken as dry as you can. Remove any giblets from the cavity and reserve for another time. Sprinkle one-third of the spice mixture into the cavity of the chicken, focusing especially on the underside of the breasts. Use your hands to really rub the spices into the cavity. Now, sprinkle the rest of the spice mixture all over the surface of the chicken, including the bottom but especially the top, where the breasts are, and again, really rub it into the skin. If roasting right away, let the chicken sit at room temperature for at least 1 hour. Alternatively, you can place the chicken, uncovered, in the refrigerator to dry-brine for up to 24 hours; just be sure to let it sit out at room temperature for at least 1

hour before roasting. 3. While the chicken is coming to room temperature, position a rack on the bottom third of the oven and heat the oven to 425 degrees. On a large sheet pan, add the cabbage, onion, 4 tablespoons olive oil and the remaining 1 teaspoon fennel seeds. Season generously with salt and pepper, and toss until evenly combined. Push the cabbage and onions to the edges of the pan to make room for the chicken, and place the chicken in the center of the pan, breast-side up; the chicken should have direct contact with the pan and not be sitting over any of the vegetables. Massage the remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil onto the chicken and give it a final generous sprinkling of salt and pepper (going lighter on the seasoning the longer the chicken has been dry-brined).

4. Roast the chicken, rotating the pan halfway through, until the skin is golden brown and crispy, and the thigh meat reaches 160 degrees on an instant-read thermometer (it will continue to cook as it rests), 40 to 55 minutes or 13 minutes per pound. Do not cut into it to check that the juices run clear. The cabbage and onions should be soft and slightly charred in spots.

5. Let the chicken rest for at least 15 minutes on the pan before transferring to a cutting board and carving into portions. Don't forget to turn the carcass over and eat the two "oysters" on the bottom of the chicken where the back of the thighs meet the spine. It's arguably the best part of the roast chicken experience, and the chef's treat. 6. Add the vinegar to the cabbage and onions, toss until evenly distributed and taste for seasoning, adjusting with salt and pepper. Serve alongside the chicken.

### No-sweat answers to basic wine questions

The single most important act is drinking the wine

**By Eric Asimov** The New York Times

The first and most important thing to know about drinking wine is this: There are no rules.

For an experience that ought to be entirely pleasurable, many people spend far too much time fearing that they are doing it wrong. This is especially true of people new to wine, who often find the onslaught of well-meaning advice and prescriptions to be intimidating and off-put-

Here's the reality: Over many years, wine experts have developed a set of best practices. These are based on experience and tradition. For example, they have found that good wine is generally more expressive when poured properly into a stemmed glass rather than a teacup or tumbler.

From that simple insight arises a host of worries. What glass should I use? How much wine to pour into it? How do I hold the glass? What if I don't have the right ones?

All good questions. Yet, none of the answers are so meaningful that they should diminish the enjoyment of the single most important act: Pouring wine into a glass — any glass, even a teacup - and drinking it.

What follows is not quite a primer, but answers to some common wine questions. All have their best practices. None have serious consequences for not following them.

#### Which glasses?

Any vessel that holds liquids can be used to drink wine. Tumblers and juice glasses are fine if you are enjoying simple wines at home or with friends. Fancy, expensive wines will



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still taste good in them, too, although they taste even better in good stemmed glasses. If you care enough to want to learn about wine, stemmed glasses are a great investment, as they will permit complex wines to express aromas and flavors to their best advantage.

#### How much to pour?

Fill smaller glasses one-third of the way never more than half — and bigger glasses, maybe a quarter. This allows aromas to fill the bowl and offers room in the glass to swirl, as many people do, believing it helps to release aromas. In tumblers, pour whatever amount you like. I'm not a fan of stemless bowls, but if you like them, treat them as you would stems.

#### How to hold a wineglass?

Ideally, hold it by the stem, which keeps the wine from being warmed by your hand and prevents finger smudges. But if you

grab the bowl, no big deal; it's not going to change the wine. And don't be the snob telling others how to hold a glass unless they seek your advice.

#### How long is wine good after opening?

That depends. A traditionally made wine will be good for at least several days after it's opened, maybe even longer. You will not need any special equipment such as vacuum pumps. Just keep the bottle in a cool place out of direct sunlight, or in the refrigerator. A processed wine, constructed and manipulated with technology and additives, will fall apart much more quickly. Refrigerate and hope for the best.

#### What about sparkling

The same holds for bubbly. If it is skillfully and traditionally made, it can keep for days without losing energy or effervescence. A wine made poorly or overly manipulated will die. A good sparkling-wine stopper is nice to have, but in a pinch, you can close a bottle with aluminum foil, fitted snugly around the opening. Foil is far superior, though more wasteful, than the folk trick of inserting a metal spoon, handle down, in the opening, which has been discredited.

#### Can red wines be chilled?

Absolutely. Most reds are served too warm. The old saw that they should be served at room temperature was probably written by somebody with a chilly manor house. All reds should be at least slightly cool, and reds that are simple thirst-quenchers high in acidity can be served colder than that. In general, reds that are more tannic or complex should be served cool but not cold. Still, what's the worst that can happen if they are too cold? Let them warm up,

or wrap your hands around the bowl of the wineglass to impart some heat.

#### I'm not an expert. How do I know what wine to buy?

The absolute best method for choosing better wines is to consult the experts face to face, not those on apps. For retail, that means visiting the best wine shops near you instead of supermarkets and soliciting advice from merchants. It's good to have some basic information ready: Know your budget. Mention if the bottle is for a particular occasion — to accompany sushi or a roast chicken. Keep a list on your phone of wines you have liked, which may offer clues to styles you appreciate. At restaurants, ask the sommelier for advice. Again, be clear about your budget.

#### Won't sommeliers try to upsell me?

They might. But good

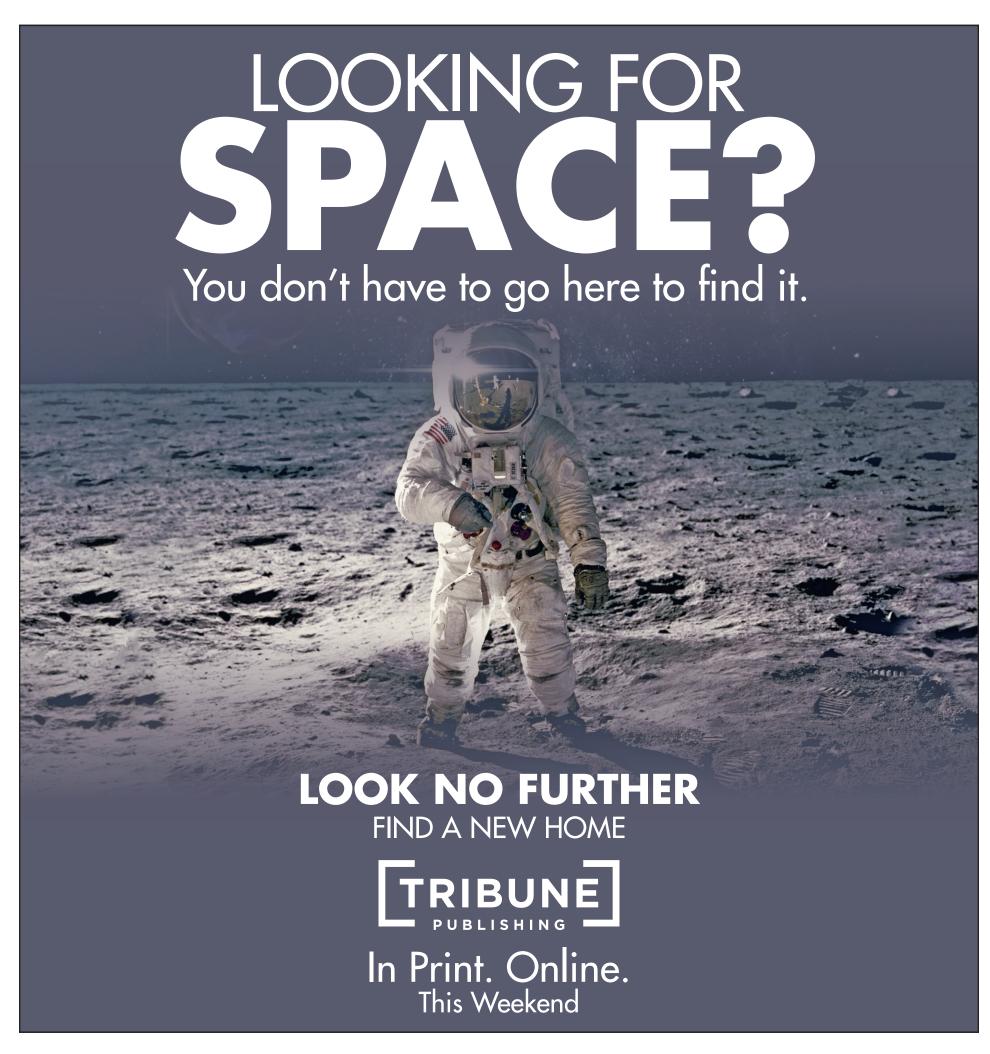
restaurants count on return customers. Taking advantage of people builds resentment, not loyalty. It helps to be firm with your budget but, at the same time, to be a little flexible if possible. The best wine for you may cost a tad more than your budget, or sometimes a bit less. A sommelier offering options is not the same as one trying to exploit you. In the end, it's your decision, so don't hesitate to politely say no if your budget is firm.

#### How do I describe wine?

Here we get into some difficult territory. Taste and smell are a frontier for describing what you sense. The overly specific references people sometimes use tend to be more meaningful as personal memory aids than for communicating preferences. In speaking to merchants or sommeliers, you are better off staying general. Saying you love big, fruity red wines is clearer than saying you like wines that taste like cherry pie and road tar.

Here are some other useful generalities: ■ Dry: This means that all the sugar in the fruit has been fermented into alcohol. The wine will not taste sweet, except in Champagne, which has its own lexicon. When, in other contexts, you would say dry, the word in Champagne is brut.

- Off-dry: Slightly sweet. ■ Sweet: You know this one. The wine will taste sweet.
- Fruity: Not the same as sweet, although the industry has sometimes blurred the difference to avoid calling a wine sweet, which has bad connotations with some people. Fruity means as it sounds, tasting like fruit, often extravagantly so. Confusion also arises with ultraripe wines that can be both fruity and high in alcohol, which can give the impression of sweetness even if the wine is dry.



### A graze board is all about the condiments

By Katie Workman **Associated Press** 

If you have dipped into Pinterest even briefly over the past few years, you know that graze or grazing boards are A Thing. Beautiful boards or platters are filled with all kinds of food ready to be sampled, snacked up, nibbled and, OK, grazed.

It's a nice way to entertain, or to offer up a room-temperature meal for your family during game nights, movie nights or what have you. It's also perfect for a party, a way to provide a beautiful assort-ment of nibbles before a late dinner.

Graze boards generally include a variety of cheeses, cured meats, nuts, vegetables and fruits, fresh or dried. On the side or tucked into the board itself: sliced bread, crackers, chips.

And here's where things get really interesting: condiments.

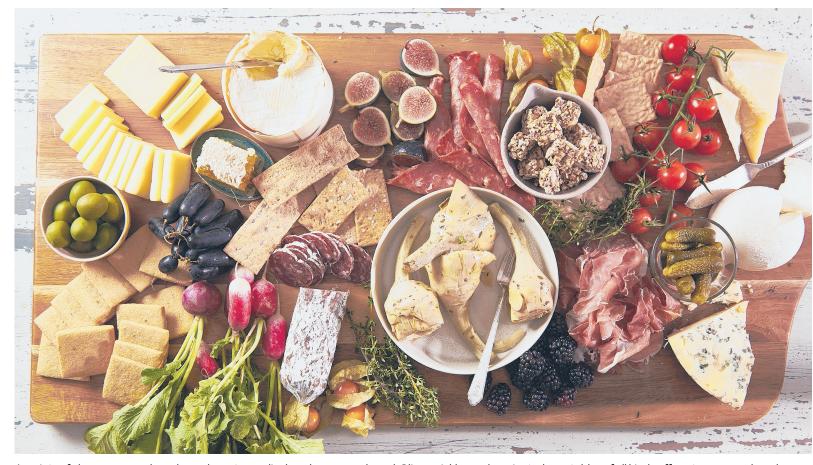
Mustards, spreads, pestos. But don't just think savory; sweet is really nice, especially when paired with cheeses. Jams, jellies and honeys make perfect pairings for much of what's on offer. Also, olives, pickles and marinated vegetables of all kinds offer a tangy crunch and briny flavor in between bites of cheeses and charcuterie.

Spreadable condiments play nicely against cured meats like prosciutto and salami, or cheeses ranging from sharp cheddar to a creamy triple creme

Spread some on a cracker or a slice of bread, stack on some meats and/or cheeses, and away you go.

The mixing and matching is what makes graze boards so much fun. Every bite is customized. It's a great way to try new flavors and experiment with different taste combina-

And when you are traveling, this is a great way to



A variety of cheeses, spreads and cured meats are displayed on a graze board. Olives, pickles and marinated vegetables of all kinds offer a tangy crunch and briney flavor in between bites of cheeses and charcuterie. KATIE WORKMAN/AP

bring home a taste of your trip. I always buy jams, pestos, chutneys, etc., to play with back in my home kitchen or to keep on hand for gifts. Everywhere you travel, you'll find products that are locally made and that make use of the ingredients and spices of the region.

#### Jams and jellies

Janie Q is a small-batch jam company run by the folks at Back in the Day Bakery in Savannah, Georgia, and their handmade flavors include Cherry Plum and Peach Lavender. Coo Moo out of California makes jams such as Apricot Habanero (sweet plus heat) and Peachy Mango Madness. Trade Street Jam Co. makes flavors like Smoked Yellow Peach, Strawberry Chipotle and Fig, and Sour Cherry

Ginger. Fior di Frutta from Italy makes organic fruit spreads, like fig, blackberry and cranberry.

Beyond sweet jams and jellies, look for caramelized onion jams, pepper jellies and the like. Terrapin Ridge makes a Hot Pepper Bacon Jam, a Jalapeno Hatch Chili Jam, and other unique sweet and savory combos. There are a number of caramelized onion jams out there that buddy up nicely to everything on a graze board: Try the ones from Divina, Williams-Sonoma and Jammy Yummy.

#### **Olives**

The world of olives is worth highlighting, though technically it might not fall directly under "condiments." Divina has a ton to choose from: Greek olives stuffed with spicy blue cheese, feta or garlic, or

pitted kalamata or green olives They also have tapenades, like their Olive Bruschetta with Capers and Roasted Red Peppers, or their Muffuletta Ölive Salad with cauliflower and pepperoncini. Their chopped Calabrian Peppers and Roasted Tomatoes are also worth noting.

#### **Spreads**

There are so many interesting spreads out there that are great to swish onto a cracker or a toasted slice of baguette.

Bellisari's in Ohio makes fun spreads like one with Blue Cheese, Honey and Shallots, or a Blistered Jalapeno and Fig Spread. Coro, a specialty cured-meat producer out of Seattle, makes interesting offerings like Plum Mustard, Giardiniera Relish, and Herb and Caper Spread designed to

pair up with salumis.

#### **Pickled** vegetables

The Tillen Farms collection from Stonewall Kitchens presents a line of crisp, pickled vegetables like classic asparagus, baby cucumbers and Dilly Beans. This is a great way to add tanginess and crunch to your assortment of cheese, meats, etc. Kansas City Canning Company makes unusual pickled items like pickled radishes, garlic and balsamic pickled grapes.

#### Honey

A drizzle of honey over a slice of bread topped with a bit of cheese, maybe a paper-thin slice of prosciutto, is a total treat. Vermont-based Runamok has a serious selection of

honeys to play with: Try those infused with hibiscus flower. Arbol chiles or lemon verbena, to name a

#### Mustards

Mustard is a must-have condiment for me in all ways, and a swipe matched up with a slice of salami and cheese on a cracker is a perfect bite. Maille, started in 1747 in France, is one of the pre-eminent makers of Dijon mustard, and you can choose from a classic style, like Rich Country Dijon, or go for one spiked with horseradish. Stonewall makes loads of mustard varieties like Maine Maple Champagne Mustard or Caramelized Onion Mustard. Brooklyn Mustard makes a Delhi Curry Mustard that will bring an unexpected twist to your board.



Although this fish dish seems quite fancy, it's pretty simple to put together. ASHLEY MOORE/AMERICA'S TEST KITCHEN

### Lemon, herbs and butter flavor healthy fish dinner

America's Test Kitchen

As we all know, many people want to eat healthier at the start of each new year. This dish is a great way to add a healthier option to your weekly menu. It is a straightforward recipe using a potentially new technique for people who want to eat more fish.

#### Fancy fish in foil

Makes: 4 servings

1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves

1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest, plus lemon wedges for serving ½ teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

4 (6-ounce) skinless cod fillets, 1 to 1 ½ inches thick

4 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into 4 pieces 1. Adjust oven rack to the middle position and heat oven to 450 degrees. Cut 4 large pieces of

2. Add thyme, lemon zest, salt and pepper to a bowl and stir to combine. Place 1 fillet on 1 side

of each piece of foil. Sprinkle thyme mixture evenly over fillets and top with butter. 3. Fold the empty side of the foil over the cod. Fold up the edges of the foil and pinch together to create a sealed packet. Transfer packets to a baking sheet.

4. Bake until cod registers 140 degrees, 12 to 15 minutes. Transfer packets to plates and carefully open. Serve with lemon wedges.

#### **SERIOUSLY SIMPLE**

### Paella is perfect one-dish meal for a family dinner

**By Diane Rossen** 

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This is such a fabulous family dish. It can stay warm for up to 45 minutes after cooking. The paella becomes the center of the table and offers lots of conversation

This is also easy to make, since it bakes in the oven and doesn't require the traditional rotating of the pan on top of the stove for even heat. What to serve with this

salad of mixed lettuces, shredded manchego cheese and marcona almonds dressed in an assertive citrus vinaigrette. For dessert, a caramel

one-dish meal? I like a

custard is my choice. To drink? Consider a light Spanish albarino or sauvignon blanc.

A few tips that will make vour paella a success

Oven-baked paella

2 medium onions, finely chopped

1 red pepper, seeded and chopped into

4 ounces (1/4 pound) chorizo, chopped into

Makes: 8 servings

½-inch dice

1/2-inch dice

preferably

scrubbed

Salt

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 cloves minced garlic

1 tablespoon tomato paste

11/2 teaspoons smoked paprika

1 pound medium grain rice, Arborio

1 pound mussels or littleneck clams, well

1 pound jumbo shrimp, peeled and deveined

1 pound cooked chicken or turkey sausage,

2 tablespoons chopped parsley, for garnish

2. Heat the oil over medium-high heat in

a 14-inch paella pan or 13- or 14-inch large

oven-safe sauté pan. Sauté the onion and

Freshly ground black pepper

1 cup clam juice or fish stock

6 cups fish or chicken stock

1 teaspoon saffron threads

sliced into 1/2-inch pieces

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

1 cup frozen petit pois



This dish can stay warm for up to 45 minutes after cooking. YVONNE DUIVENVOORDEN/TNS

■ Use medium grain rice like Spanish bomba rice or Italian Arborio rice. (The goal is for the rice to absorb the liquid and stay relatively firm.)

■ Use saffron threads, not powder.

■ The chorizo should be dried sausage.

light paella pan so the rice will cook in a thin layer, encouraging lots of flavor and a crisp crust on the bottom. (If you don't have a paella pan, use a 13- or 14-inch ovenproof skillet. Avoid cast iron, because it becomes too hot, and avoid nonstick because it is more difficult to form a crust.)

■ Use a 13-inch-wide

cook until softened, about 7 minutes. Add the red pepper and sauté about 2 minutes or until slightly softened. Add and sauté the chorizo for about 2 minutes or until well coated. Stir in the garlic and cook for 30 seconds. Add the tomato paste and paprika and cook about 1 minute, until

slightly darker in color. Season with salt and

**3. Add** the rice and cook, stirring to coat the rice, for a minute without browning. Pour in the clam juice and 1 cup of stock and using potholders, move the pan around so that the ingredients are even and mixed together. Cook until it is absorbed, about 4 to 5 minutes.

4. Add the rest of the stock and the saffron and bring to a boil. Cover and place in the oven. (If you don't have a cover, use aluminum foil.) Cook for about 30 to 35 minutes or until the liquid is almost absorbed.

5. Remove the pan from the oven and add the shellfish, sausage and frozen peas, and stir to evenly blend. Return to the oven and cook for 10 minutes or until the mussels and or clams are open, and the shrimp are pink and fully cooked. Remove from the oven and keep covered until serving. Garnish with parsley just before serving.